

# Did Christ Die on a Cross?

Jehovah's Witnesses claim that Jesus died on a torture stake, and that the cross is a pagan symbol that was adopted later. If Jesus were crucified on a torture stake, His hands would be placed above His head and nailed with one nail (like His feet). However, the Bible indicates that Jesus had nails (plural) in His hands. Nails require that Jesus was crucified on a cross, not a stake:

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. (*John 20:25*) [Plural nails requires a cross, not a stake!]

The Bible also indicates that the Romans placed a sign over Jesus' head, again indicating that He died on a cross and not a stake.

And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. (*Matthew 27:37*) [If on a stake, the sign would have been over His hands, not His head!]

## Other Verses:

And he that taketh not his **cross**, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (*Matthew 10:38*)

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his **cross**, and follow me. (*Matthew 16:24*)

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his **cross**. (*Matthew 27:32*)

And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the **cross**. (*Matthew 27:40*)

He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the **cross**, and we will believe him. (*Matthew 27:42*)

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his **cross**, and follow me. (*Mark 8:34*)

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the **cross**, and follow me. (*Mark 10:21*)

And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his **cross**. (*Mark 15:21*)

Save thyself, and come down from the **cross**. (*Mark 15:30*)

Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the **cross**, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him. (*Mark 15:32*)

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his **cross** daily, and follow me. (*Luke 9:23*)

And whosoever doth not bear his **cross**, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (*Luke 14:27*)

And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the **cross**, that he might bear it after Jesus. (*Luke 23:26*)

And he bearing his **cross** went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: (*John 19:17*)

And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the **cross**. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. (*John 19:19*)

Now there stood by the **cross** of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. (*John 19:25*)

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the **cross** on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. (*John 19:31*)

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the **cross** of Christ should be made of none effect. (*1 Corinthians 1:17*)

For the preaching of the **cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (*1 Corinthians 1:18*)

And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the **cross** ceased. (*Galatians 5:11*)

As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the **cross** of Christ. (*Galatians 6:12*)

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the **cross** of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (*Galatians 6:14*)

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the **cross**, having slain the enmity thereby: (*Ephesians 2:16*)

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the **cross**. (*Philippians 2:8*)

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the **cross** of Christ: (*Philippians 3:18*)

And, having made peace through the blood of his **cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. (*Colossians 1:20*)

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his **cross**; (*Colossians 2:14*)

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the **cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (*Hebrews 12:2*)

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