

## Common Errors and Misconceptions Concerning Christ's Death On The Cross

<u>Error or Misconception</u>	<u>Scriptural Truth</u>	<u>What Does The Bible Say...</u>
The betrayal by Judas caught Jesus by surprise. He always thought His disciples loved Him and never questioned their loyalty. It was a great blow to Him to discover their disloyalty.	Mark 14:18 – 21; Matthew 9:4; 12:25; Luke 9:46 & 47; John 13:1 – 4, 18 & 19, 21, 26 – 30, 36 - 38; 18:1 – 4; Matthew 26:21 – 25, 52 - 54; Luke 22:20 – 22; John 6:64; (Luke 11:17; Acts 1:24)	
The arrest, trial and subsequent execution of Jesus caught Him by surprise. He viewed Himself as a man of peace not of war and could not understand the chain of events which lead up to His trial and execution.	Matthew 16:21; 17:9, 12, 22, 23; 26:52 - 54; Mark 8:31 – 33; 10:32 – 34; Luke 9:20 – 22 & 44; 18:31-34; 24:6 & 7; John 6:64; 10: 17 & 18; 13:1 – 4; John 13:28 – 38; 18:4 (Matthew 10:34)	
Both in the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus prayed, “ <i>...if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me...</i> ” and on the cross when He cried, “ <i>...why have You forsaken Me...</i> ” Jesus was at a crossroads, He knew what was right to do but failed to act decisively and was struggling with actually doing it.	James 4:17; Hebrews 12:2; Luke 12:47; Luke 9:62; Hebrews 4:15; Luke 24:37 & 38	
On the cross God turned His back on Jesus and He became separated for the first time from God the Father.	Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29; John 10:30; 14:9 – 11; 12:44 & 45; II Corinthians 5:19 – 21; Colossians 1:19 & 20; 2:9	
God cannot look on sin and therefore separated Himself from Jesus when Jesus took on Himself the sins of the world.	Genesis 6:3, 5, 11, 12; I Samuel 2:3; Job 11:11; Psalm 33:13 & 14; 139:2 & 3; Proverbs 15:3;	
In Jesus’ statement on the cross, “ <i>My God, My God why have You forsaken Me?</i> ” He was questioning the actions of God and therefore this statement cannot be considered one of faith but rather a crises of faith, a temporary time of doubt which He eventually overcame.	Hebrews 4:15; Romans 14:23; James 1:6; 4:17; Hebrews 11:1, 2, 6; John 19:24 (Psalm 22:18) John 19:24, 28 (Psalm 22:1 & 18) John 19:30	
Although He started out strong in the days and even hours leading up to His crucifixion, during His ordeal on the cross Jesus lost His perspective in terms of knowing why He was experiencing this torture and death.	Luke 18:31 – 33; Matthew 26:52 – 54; John 18:37; 19:11; Mark 14:61 & 62; Luke 23:34; Luke 23:36 – 43; John 19:24 – 27; John 19:28 - 30; Luke 23:46	

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<p>When reading a passage it is possible to impute a variety of emotions and intonations into the words. Many when teaching on Jesus' words in the Garden of Gethsemane, His trial and crucifixion impute to Jesus a crises of faith and loss of perspective. If this is true then we would expect to find those observing His ordeal to be disappointed at His seeming loss of faith.</p>	<p>John 18:4 – 11, 19 – 24, 33 – 38; Luke 23:13 – 35; Matthew 27:11 – 26; Luke 23:29 – 43; Matthew 27:50 – 54</p>	
<p>Jesus as He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, confessed to His disciples concerning His coming crucifixion that His spirit was willing but His flesh was weak.</p>	<p>Matthew 26:40 &amp; 41; Mark 14:37 - 42</p>	
<p>The emphasis of blood letting in the death of Christ by some Christian denominations is needlessly gory and panders to the violent and voyeuristic tendencies in man.</p>	<p>Matthew 26:26 – 28; I Corinthians 11:23 – 26; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13; Colossians 1:19 &amp; 20; Hebrews 9:14, 22, 24 – 26; I Peter 1:18 &amp; 19; I John 1:7</p>	
<p>Christ actually died of a broken (burst) heart in the Garden of Gethsemane which is why great drops of blood fell from Him as He prayed</p>	<p>Luke 22:44 – 46; Matthew 26:36 – 46; Mark 14:32 – 42 vs. Matthew 27:50 &amp; 51; Luke 23:46; John 19:28 - 30</p>	
<p>Christ did not die on the cross, but rather He lapsed into a death-like coma.</p>	<p>John 19:31 – 35, 38 – 42; Mark 15:42 – 45; Matthew 27:50 – 61; Luke 23:44 – 56; I Corinthians 15:1 – 4 &amp; 20; Romans 5:6; I Thessalonians 4:14; I Peter 3:18</p>	
<p>God's initial plan was for Jesus to live a perfect life, enter Jerusalem as perfect High Priest and King, thus ushering in His millennial reign. The death of Christ was satan's idea to thwart this but God outsmarted satan by resurrecting Christ from the dead.</p>	<p>John 10:9 – 18; Acts 2:22 – 24; 3:18; 4:24 - 28; Luke 22:22; I Peter 1:18 – 21</p>	
<p>Jesus went to Hell when He died in order to pay for our sins.</p>	<p>John 19:30; I Peter 2:24; Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 2:13 &amp; 14; Luke 23:43; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 25:41;</p>	
<p>Judas was a political zealot who betrayed Jesus in the hopes of forcing His hand and sparking a revolution.</p>	<p>Matthew 26:14 – 16, 47 – 49; 27:3 – 5; Mark 14:10 &amp; 11; Luke 22:1 – 6; John 6:69 – 71; 12:4 – 6; 13:1 &amp; 2, 26 - 30</p>	

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<p>Jesus' resurrected body was initially an ethereal spirit body (ghost like) not corporal (physical) body, which is why He told Mary and the other disciples not to touch Him.</p>	<p>Luke 24:37-44; Matt 28:7 - 9; John 20:19 – 29; 21:12 – 14 (Luke 24:31 does not require a “spirit body” cross-reference Luke 24:37 – 40 and Acts 8:39 &amp; 40)</p>	
<p>Jesus was not recognized by His disciples because He was in this ethereal ghost like spirit body.</p>	<p>Luke 24:16, 31, 37 - 40</p>	
<p>The resurrection of Christ was not physical but rather spiritual. The early church and the disciples never actually proclaimed Jesus as “walking” out of the grave but rather His ideals lived on in their collective memories.</p>	<p>I Corinthians 15:12 – 19; Luke 24:36 – 48; Acts 2:32; Acts 3:13 – 15; 4:17 – 20; 5:29 – 32; 10:38-41; 13:26-31; 17:22 – 32; I John 1:1 – 4; Acts 1:1 – 9; Romans 1:1 – 4; I Corinthians 15:1 – 8;</p>	
<p>Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the first of many which He and the Church would offer up for the atonement of sins by future generations of Christians.</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:12, 25, 26 &amp; 28; 7:27; 10:10,12,18; I Peter 3:18; Romans 6:10;</p>	
<p>Relatively few people actually saw and therefore could witness to the fact that Jesus rose bodily from the dead. This is why the early church de-emphasized this fact and instead emphasized the teachings and lifestyle of Christ as the true evidence of His being the Son of God.</p>	<p>John 20:11 – 18; 19 – 29; 21:1 – 7; Acts 1:1 – 11; I Corinthians 15: 1 – 8; Acts 2:32; 3:15; 5:31 &amp; 32; 10:36 – 42; 13:28 – 32;</p>	