

to the crucified to break their legs and to give their bodies burial and so with the heavy iron mallets they smashed the limbs of the two men) of either side of Jesus. When they came to Jesus they found that He was (dead already) Jesus was perfectly still in death. It was cruel and ghastly work but they were familiar with blood and they cared little for human life. The outcry of these men as their legs were broken meant nothing to these soldiers but when they came to Jesus they discovered that He was dead. And that He had (died perhaps in less time) ~~thicker~~ than it had required for people ordinarily to do so. Therefore it shows to us that He was of the perfect order and that He died of (willingness) on His own part that He (laid down) His own life himself.

III. Proof of Jesus' humanity, verse 33-34

To make sure of the certainty of the death of Jesus these soldiers would (not error). But we discover that one soldier with a (spear) pierced His side aiming at His heart. The soldier hereby designed to decide the question as to whether He was dead or not. To give evidence to the truth of His death. And we discover that in doing so he proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that this was (more than a swoon) on the cross. That Jesus actually died on the cross.

You may wonder (why did one of them thrust a spear) into the side of Jesus. Did this not seem to be truly absurd.

The soldiers were rough men. They were not unwilling to use their arms on the slightest occasion. It is not surprising that one of them to make His death doubly sure thrust the spear into His side. And here is something miraculous in that the blood and the water should come out of the same wound. I John 5:6 & 8.

We see here that the (opening of His side was significant). When we would protest our sincerity, we wish there were a window in our heart that the thoughts and intents of them might be visible to all. Through (this window) opened in Christ's side you may look into His heart and see Love flowing there. Love, as strong as death. And you may also know that the (first Adam's) side was opened, in ~~evangelical~~ evangelical. When Adam was in a deep sleep, and God created woman and of her seed had said that the head of the serpent would be bruised. Here on the cross we see the (second Adam) was fallen into a deep sleep on the cross and His side was opened and out of that side was taken the church. Ephesians 5:30-32.

The blood and the water flowed out. It was significant These signified the (two) (great benefits) that all believers partake of through Christ. Justification and sanctification. Blood for remission, Water for regeneration. Blood for atonement, Water for purification. We also find that the blood represents life surrendered. In the case of Christ