

Session 6

Was the death of Jesus actually an actual event? The scripture says in John 19:34 blood and water came out of the body of Christ. J. Warner Wallace helps us understand a medical phenomenon known as pleural effusion, a sure sign of cardiac arrest. An eyewitness account of something no-one understood at the time. While I would contend crucifixion was a common form of death for criminals and those administering the execution would have seen or experienced death many times from this form of punishment. Remember the words of John 19:33, "But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs." The soldiers clearly would have not have been duped by a body that was not clearly dead.

Why is it so critical that we understand Jesus was actually dead? Someone once said "Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it." The greatest statistic I ever heard on death is one out of every one person dies. There is however one notable exception to this stat...JESUS!

His victory over the sting of death is what separates Him from every other being in the created universe. It is the hope of the gospel, without it there could be no resurrection, without a resurrection we would have no hope. Jesus satisfied the wrath of sin and death by means of a sacrifice. Something takes the place of another. His life for ours...His death so we could have eternal life...SHARE THE GOOD NEWS of his birth, life, DEATH, burial and resurrection today.