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**Matt 27:35** And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. **36** And sitting down they watched him there; **37** And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. KJV

**NT:4716 stauros** (stow-ros'); from the base of **NT:2476**; a stake or post (as set upright), i.e. (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively, exposure to death, i.e. self-denial; by implication, the atonement of Christ: KJV - cross.

**NT:4716 stauros--** 1) an upright stake, especially a pointed one 2) a cross: a) a well-known instrument of most cruel and ignominious punishment, borrowed by the Greeks and Romans from the Phoenicians; to it were affixed among the Romans, down to the time of Constantine the Great, the guiltiest criminals, particularly the basest slaves, robbers, the authors and abettors of insurrections, and occasionally in the provinces, at the arbitrary pleasure of the governors, upright and peaceable men also, and even Roman citizens themselves b) the crucifixion which Christ underwent. Crucifixion is where we get the word “Excruciating”

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Crucifixion was often preceded by scourging with thongs, to which were sometimes added nails, pieces of bone, etc., to heighten the pain, often so intense as to cause death.

The criminal carried his own cross, the condemned was stripped of his naked, Before the nailing or binding took place a medicated cup was given out of kindness to confuse the senses and deaden the pangs of the sufferer, usually of "wine or myrrh. The Lord refused it that His senses might be clear (**Matt 27:34**; **Mark 15:23**).

The feet were nailed to the upright part of the crucifix, so that the knees were bent at around 45 degrees.

Once the legs gave out, the weight would be transferred to the arms, gradually dragging the shoulders from their sockets. The victim would have no choice but to bear his weight on his chest. He would immediately have trouble breathing as the weight caused the rib cage to lift up and force him into an almost perpetual state of inhalation.

As muscle and tendons were torn and every joint was dislocated, suffocation, loss of body fluids and multiple organ failure ensued leading to a slow and agonizing death.

**Matt 16:21** From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

**Matt 26:1** And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, 2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. KJV

**Luke 23:23** And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. **24** And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. KJV

**1 Cor 15:1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. **3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: **5** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: KJV