

The Cross

- Pictures of crosses in works of art are generally misrepresentations in that they are too large and too high
- The cross was just a little longer than the man.
 - His head was near the top
 - His feet hung 12-15 inches from the ground.
- Roman records reveal:
 - Soldiers frequently hastened death by breaking the legs of the criminals.
 - Sometimes fires were built around the cross.
 - Sometimes wild beasts were tuned loose on the victim.
 - The general custom was to allow the body to remain on the cross and rot or be devoured by wild beasts or birds of prey.
 - Burial in a sepulchre was generally forbidden for the victim. However, a national exception seems to have been made for the Jews due to requirements of:

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

“If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.”



“And They Crucified Him”

MATTHEW 27:35