

“THE BODY OF JESUS IN THE HANDS OF HIS ENEMIES”

JOHN 19:31-37

I. NONE OF THE LORD’S BONES WERE BROKEN (19:31-33)

A. The Leg Bones Of The Two Who Were Crucified With Him Were Broken

1. The Traditional Roman Practice Came Into A Direct Collision With Jewish Scruples

2. The Jews Had A Twofold Concern

a. The Desecration Of The Land

b. The Desecration Of The Sabbath

B. Pilate, This Time, Actually Acquiesced To The Jew’s Request

1. The Promise Of The Lord To The Repentant Thief Would Be Fulfilled On Time

2. The Lord Himself Had Already Expired Prior To The Crucifragium

II. THE LORD WAS PIERCED IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHEST CAVITY TO INSURE THAT HE HAD NOT JUST MERELY SWOONED (19:34-35)

A. From The Wound Flowed Both Blood And Water (19:34)

B. John’s Eyewitness Record Has An Evangelistic Emphasis (19:35)

III. THE LORD’S BODY WAS TREATED IN THESE WAYS IN ORDER TO FULFILL SCRIPTURE (19:36-37)

A. Christ Perfectly Fulfilled The Type Of The Passover Lamb (19:36)

B. Christ Perfectly Fulfilled The Prophecy Of Zechariah (19:37)