



BIG QUESTION

Did Jesus really die?



Some say Jesus only fainted. But the soldiers who crucified him did it for a living. They found him already dead, and one made sure with a spear. Pilate checked with the centurion before he gave up the body. Even Tacitus, who despised Christians, wrote that Christus “suffered the extreme penalty.”

People did come down from crosses alive. Josephus begged the general Titus to spare three friends; they were taken down early and nursed by doctors, and still two of the three died. And the skeptic David Strauss saw that a man who “crept about weak and ill” could never have seemed a Conqueror over death.



Check the record

Fill in each blank. The story has every answer.

Word bank:

Conqueror

centurion

dead

two

1. The soldiers didn't break Jesus's legs, because he was already _____ .
2. Pilate checked with the _____ , the officer who ran the execution.
3. Josephus's friends were taken down early, and _____ of the three still died.
4. Strauss saw that a half-dead man could never have seemed a _____ over death.

Memory verse

**“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”**

1 Corinthians 15:20

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Which fact best shows that Jesus really died?
2. Why did the first Christians put the cross first?
3. If Jesus died for you, how could you answer him?



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