

The Gospel writers' accounts of the crucifixion

The Gospel writers' accounts of the crucifixion show us how the gospels as a whole give us a more complete record than we would get through any single writer. There are certain things that one author recorded that another did not.

1. Matthew

- a) Only Matthew records the earthquake that rent the rocks (Matthew 27:51).
- b) Records saints being raised from the dead (Matthew 27:52-53).

2. Luke

- a) He alone recorded "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:24).
- b) He also alone recorded the salvation of one the thieves crucified with Jesus (Luke 23:40-43).
- c) Father, into thy hand I commend my spirit (Luke 23:46).

3. John

- a) Records Jesus entrusting the care of His mother to John (John 19:26-27).
- b) Records that Jesus was thirsty (John 19:28).

- c) Records that crucifixion day was a day before Sabbath (John 19:31-33) which explains why the soldiers did not break the legs of Jesus. Which fulfils – Numbers 9:12, Psalms 34:20 and Zechariah 12:10.

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