

Christian Witnesses

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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (ESV)

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Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jesus died on a stake. There was one nail for the hands and one nail for the feet. I wrote the short piece below years ago.

Did Jesus Die on a Cross or Stake?

There are three passages that clearly indicate a cross and not a stake. In John 20:25 Thomas says: "**The other disciples therefore said unto him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said unto them, 'Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger in into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.**" (KJV) Also, The New World Translation uses the plural form of nail as we can see here: "**Consequently the other disciples would say to him: 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them: 'Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and stick my finger into the print of the nails and stick my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe.**" (NWT)

In John, Thomas used the plural form of nail meaning two or more nails were used. The January 15, 1966 WATCHTOWER is in agreement with the plural form of nail on page 63: "**In one instance, he invited Thomas to inspect the wounds inflicted in his hands by means of the nails.**" The Watchtower March 15th 1997 on page 6 echoes the plural form of nail: "**Unless I see in his hands the print**

of the nails and stick my finger into the print of the nails and stick my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe,' Thomas declared." If Jesus was impaled on a stake, how many nails were needed for His hands?

Jesus told Peter that he would die with outstretched hands in John 21:18,19: **18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. 19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.**" (KJV) With Peter's hands outstretched, how was he impaled on a stake?

Matthew says in 27:37, "**And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**" (KJV) If Jesus died on a stake, Matthew would have said, "above his hands." Because Matthew said "above his head," Jesus must have died on a cross.

Last month, I sent the wrong tract. However, the subject of sanctification did come up in the readings in our Sunday school class. I have included the justification tract this month.

Tract of the Month

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