



CRUCIFIXION NAILS

"And He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Crucifixion Nail Details

Crucifixion nails were different than other Roman nails. At the head, there was a lip, or second "head", that would allow the soldiers to more easily remove the nail and the victim from the cross.

"In 1968 a significant archaeological discovery was made in a suburb of Jerusalem: an ossuary with the skeletal remains of a man named Yehochanan who had been crucified. Yehochanan had been nailed to an upright beam of wood through the ankle, but the nail hit a knot in the wood and bent, making it difficult to be removed after his death. And so a chunk of the wood was broken off, and Yehochanan was buried with wood and nail still attached to the ankle bone." – Bart Ehrman, *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*, 3rd Edition, Oxford, 2004, p. 156.

It was discovered that the nails had a double head that would allow the soldiers to more easily remove the nails and the victim from the cross.

In addition, crucifixion nails, were roughly 7 inches long and with a diameter of about 3/8 of an inch and were driven through the wrists. The points would go into the vicinity of the median nerve, causing shocks of pain to radiate through the arms. The nails would be placed between the bones of the forearm (the radius and ulna) so that no fractures or broken bones occurred. Studies have shown that nails were probably driven through the small bones of the wrist, since nails in the palms of the hand would not support the weight of a body. In ancient terminology, the wrist was considered to be part of the hand. The result would most likely sever the median nerve, which is largest nerve in the hand, and would cause a severe burning pain as well as permanent paralysis of the hand.

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"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death" (Psalm 22:14-15).

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