

JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL  
DELIVERED UP TO BE CRUCIFIED  
MATTHEW 27:27–37; JOHN 19:16–30



### The Heart of the Matter

The most grisly spectacle of the ancient world was to see a human being crucified. It was a cruel and ghastly punishment, usually reserved for only the most detestable criminals. And yet, this was the means by which Jesus died. It would have been a shameful death except that He voluntarily suffered the anguish of crucifixion in order to let guilty people go free. And only when we face the facts of the horrors of His death can we fully appreciate the price that was paid on Calvary.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. The Cruelty of Crucifixion (John 19:16)

The ancient form of execution, known as crucifixion, was the cruelest punishment ever devised by humanity.

#### 2. The Torture of Jesus (Matthew 27:27–31)

Before His crucifixion, Jesus was tortured by the Roman soldiers.

#### 3. The Crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27:33–35)

After the torture, Jesus was taken to a hill outside the wall of Jerusalem and nailed to the cross.

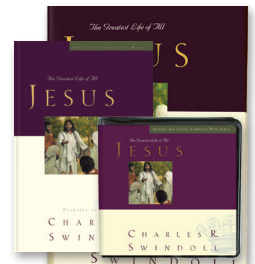


### Starting Your Journey

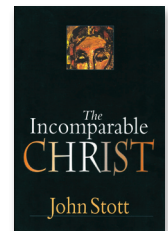
We all have everlasting life, but only those who have placed their faith in Christ, who died and rose again, will live forever with God. All others will spend eternity in hell. Today you can trust Christ to forgive your sins, by His death on the cross, and receive new life because of His resurrection.



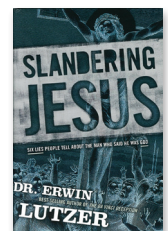
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