

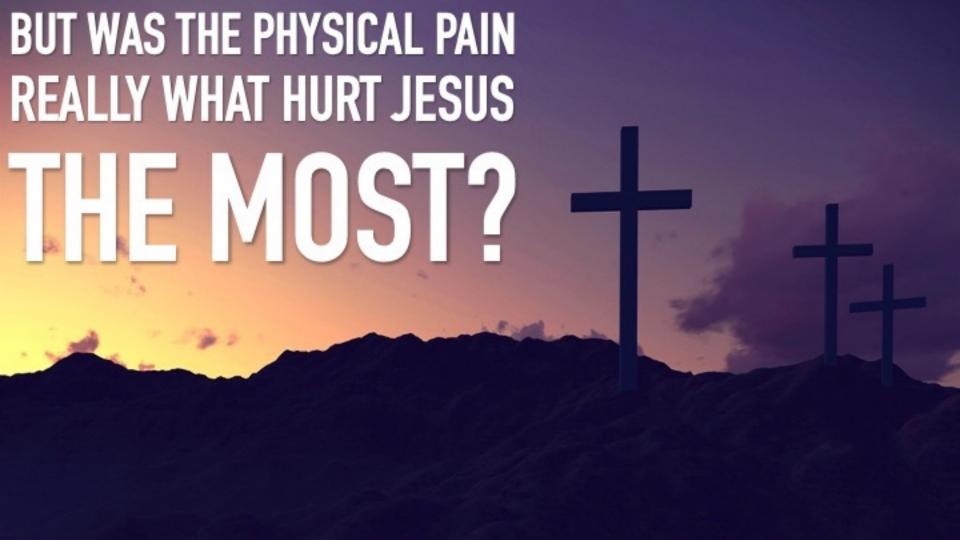
"He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief..." **ISAIAH 53:3**

PIERCED, CRUSHED

- "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed" (ISAIAH 53:5).
- 1 PETER 3:18, 1 PETER 2:24
- Bear in mind that the cross was a very cruel way to die. The victim would have spent many hours struggling to breathe, eventually dying from suffocation as fluids built up in his abdomen.



"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?" (ISAIAH 53:7-8).



"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

ON OUR BEHALF

- His greatest pain was not the crucifixion by itself, or Judas' betrayal on its own, or any one thing that happened to Him during His ministry. Jesus' pain runs deeper, and comes from the cumulative weight of the world's sins.
- He who knew no sin had to become sin on our behalf (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).
- Our sin is His pain, but our repentance can also become His great joy (HEBREWS 12:1-3).