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# 4 WAYS THE BLOOD STAINS ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN MATCH THE WOUNDS OF JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED



# 1 CROWN OF THORNS

THE SHROUD SHOWS BLOOD STAINS ON THE FOREHEAD AND HEAD OF THE BODY. NORMALLY, A CRUCIFIED PERSON WOULD NOT HAVE A REASON TO HAVE BLOOD HERE. HOWEVER, THE GOSPEL TELLS US THAT CHRIST WAS GIVEN A CROWN OF THORNS: "AND AFTER TWISTING SOME THORNS INTO A CROWN, THEY PUT IT ON HIS HEAD... AND MOCKED HIM, SAYING, 'HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!'" (MATTHEW 27:29)

# 2 WOUND IN HIS SIDE

TO ENSURE A CRIMINAL WAS NO LONGER ALIVE, THE ROMANS WOULD SOMETIMES BREAK THE CRIMINAL'S BONES. BUT WITH JESUS, "ONE OF THE SOLDIERS PIERCED HIS SIDE WITH A SPEAR" (JOHN 19:34). THE BLOOD FROM THIS UNIQUE WOUND TO CHRIST'S PERICARDIAL SAC CAN BE SEEN ON THE IMAGE OF THE SHROUD.



### 3 NAILS IN HIS WRIST

IT WAS THE ROMAN CUSTOM TO CONFIGURE THE VICTIM TO THE CROSS BY ROPES AND NOT NAILS. HOWEVER, THE SHROUD SHOWS NAIL MARKS ON THE FIGURE'S HANDS/WRISTS. THOUGH THE GOSPEL'S CRUCIFIXION NARRATIVES DO NOT MENTION JESUS BEING NAILED TO THE CROSS, THOMAS CONFIRMS THAT THIS OCCURRED WITH THE WORDS, "UNLESS I SEE THE MARK OF THE NAILS IN HIS HANDS... I WILL NOT BELIEVE." (JOHN 20:25)

### 4 NAILS IN HIS FEET

AGAIN, NAILING A CRIMINAL TO THE CROSS WAS NOT THE CUSTOM AT THE TIME. THE NAILS AT CHRIST'S FEET ARE REFLECTED IN THE IMAGE OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN. THESE BLOOD STAINS ALSO FULFILL THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY, "THEY PIERCED MY HANDS AND MY FEET." (PSALM 22:16)

For more information on the Shroud of Turin, see the Magis Center article, "[What is the Shroud of Turin? Here's What Science Says.](#)"

