

The legal systems that condemned YASHUA, the Messiah were the Jewish and the Roman systems. The arrest was done under the religious Jewish authorities; He was crucified under the Roman law. As we mentioned before, the Jewish trial was illegal in several particulars: **(1) the judge was not impartial and did not protect the accused, (2) the arrest was unlawful because there was no formal accusation, (3) criminal trials had to be started and carried on only during the day, (4) a verdict of guilty could not be rendered on the same day (5) the search for hostile testimony was illegal, (6) no accused could be convicted on his own evidence, (7) no valid legal evidence was presented against Him (Scofield).**

Before He was sent away to be crucified, Pilate had Him flogged the Roman way. Here is the description of the cruel way in which the Roman applied the flogging on a criminal:

The heavy whip is brought down with full force again and again across Jesus' shoulders, back, and legs. At first the heavy thongs cut through the skin only. Then, as the blows continue, they cut deeper in the subcutaneous tissues, producing first and oozing of blood from the capillaries and veins of the skin, and finally spurting arterial bleeding from vessels in the underlying muscles... Finally the skin of the back is hanging in long ribbons and the entire area is an unrecognizable mass of torn, bleeding tissue. (C. Truman Davis, "The Crucifixion of Jesus. The Passion of Christ from a Medical Point of View," Arizona Medicine 22, no. 3 [March 1965]: 185) (Tony Cooke Ministries)

It is not surprising that victims of Roman floggings seldom survived. The punishment that brought us peace was on Him.

Then they led Him to a place called Golgotha, meaning the Skull Place. There they gave Him wine mixed with gall to drink, but He refused to drink. The costume of those days was to give vinegar and gall to those who were being crucified to alleviate the pain and thirst they had to go through. YASHUA however refused it choosing to endure the pain in full conscientiousness. They crucified Him between two criminals, as if He was one of them. On the other hand the criminals had an opportunity to see Him for what He was through His attitude of love toward those who were crucifying Him in His words of forgiveness to them. His first cry on the cross was of releasing forgiveness; the second cry was in response to the one of the criminals, who repenting asked Him to remember him. "Today you will be with Me in Paradise", the third cry from the cross was, "Woman, here is your son", taking the responsibility of an old son, He handled His responsibility to the disciple John. The fourth cry was "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me"? The fifth cry, "I am thirsty!" the sixth cry, "It is finished!" The seventh cry was "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit". As He said, No one takes My life from Me, but I lay it down on My own (John 10:18).

The fourth cry was directed to God in agony of His soul when His Father lighted on Him the sins of the world and turned His face away from Him. This was the eternal punishment He was taking upon Himself to free us from the consequences of sin which is hell. This is the eternal

separation from God man will suffer in hell if he does not accept YAHSHUA'S sacrifice. This was the ultimate suffering He had to go through. No vinegar with gall would have helped to alleviate His anguish. He felt the thirst man will experience in hell without means to quench it. After His third cry, and before He cried to God, darkness enveloped the earth. People could only hear His anguish, for His Father had "turned the lights off" during His worse pain- the separation from Him.

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful (John 14: 27). These words He spoke to the disciples after the Passover meal, just before He had to go to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before His arrest. He said, My peace I will give to you not as the world gives. Yes, His peace was given through His life being poured out for us. Peace was released to us by the punishment He took in our place. The things of the world could never bring mankind the peace everlasting YAHSHUA offered through His suffering, because peace comes from within, not from outside things. "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from My deliverance and from My words of groaning? ... But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by people. Everyone who sees Me mocks Me; they sneer and shake their heads: He relies on the Lord; let Him rescue Him; let the Lord deliver Him, since He takes pleasure in Him... I am poured out like water and all my bones are disjoined; my heart is like wax, melting within Me; My strength is dried up like baked clay; My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth" (Ps. 22). The true Peace carried a price tag no one can pay. He endured hostility from sinners against Himself, so that you won't grow weary and lose heart (Heb. 12:3). Before giving up His Spirit to His Father, He said, IT IS FINISHED! The law is fulfilled in Me; I have accomplished that which I came to do. With that His peace was printed in the hearts of those who receive Him, for the punishment that was to bring us peace He took and gave us His peace. THANK YOU YAHSHUA!