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The Torture

Stressed (Luke 22:41-44)

Humiliation (Matthew 26:65-67)

Beaten and Mocked (Matthew 27:27-31)

Exhaustion (Matthew 27:32)

Crucified (Matthew 27:34-35)

Pierced (John 19:34)



THAT'S a LOT of BLOOD

Why?



"What will you do with Jesus?"

Torture Him!
Ignorance



Ignorance

Defined: lack of knowledge or information

Simply put — They didn't know what they were doing.

Ignorance is a favorite defense of ours

We justify our guilt by pleading ignorance

**Ignorance was one reason why the
romans tortured Jesus**



I didn't know

“Ignorance is bliss.”

Sometimes this is true

**Sometimes we prefer to remain ignorant
as to our condition**

Out of ignorance we do a lot of things we regret



I didn't know

**While ignorance might
be an explanation,
ignorance is not an excuse.**



I didn't know

**When it comes to our relationship
with God, we can't
plead ignorance.**

It's not an acceptable defense



I didn't know

**Ignorance might invoke mercy
on that day, but it won't
remove your guilt.
(Matthew 11:20–22)**



I didn't know

In the towns where Jesus had worked most of his miracles, the people refused to turn to God

Jesus was upset with them

He informs them the amount of light they received will be held in context

But ignorance is not enough to acquit you from your guilt



I didn't know

When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.



I didn't know

“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.



You didn't know

**You've had no time for a relationship with him,
because you just didn't know**

Your parents never read you Bible stories. as a child

You didn't say your prayers before you went to bed

“Jesus Loves Me” wasn't the first song you learned to sing

**Maybe church was just something you did at
Christmas and Easter**



You didn't know


**You didn't know that your sin
sent Jesus to the cross**

**You didn't realize that his blood was spilled for your
lying, your greed, your pride, your lust**

You didn't know!

Now You Do!





You can't plead ignorance — now that you know



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