THE PIERCING OF THE HANDS AND FEET

Psalm 22:16 "They pierced my hands and my feet."

Zechariah 13:6-7 "What are these wounds in thine hands?"

- Jesus Christ was pierced in accordance with prophecy.
 - \circ $\;$ This was the plan and purpose of God to rescue man and pay for our sins.
 - Men did not conspire together to crucify Jesus.
 - Jesus came to die on a cross.
- God orchestrated all things to bring to pass the sacrificial offering of His Son for mankind.
 - Just as God prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah (Jonah 1:17), He also prepared a body that would enable His Son to be crucified (Hebrews 10:5).
 - Jesus' body was capable of being nailed to a cross through His hands and feet because God prepared a body for that purpose.
 - Jesus was not nailed through His wrists or His ankle bones (as some teach).
 - God knows the difference between a hand and a wrist, etc.
 - Don't listen to ministers who try to talk you out of believing what the bible says. That is the devil's work (Gen. 3:1).

"Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." (vs 6)

- Jesus Christ "came unto his own, and his own received him not." (John 1:11; Lk 23:18, 21)
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem as prophesied (Micah 5:2; John 7:42; Mat. 2:4-6). The Hebrews would recognize His birth as fulfilled prophecy.
- The Holy Ghost told Simeon that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ (Luke 2:26).
- Jesus ministered to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Mt.15:24), cleansing lepers, healing the lame, the deaf, and the blind (Matthew 11:5, Luke 7:22), and feeding the hungry (Mt. 14:20).
- He was hailed by the Israelites as the Son of David, the Christ (Mk 11:8-10, 14:61; Jn 12:13)

"...smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered..." (vs 7)

• The Israelites have been scattered around the world without a king, a prince, a sacrifice, etc. (Hosea 3:4) for two thousand years.

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd..."

• This is not a literal sword wielded by any man against Jesus. It is the word of God (Heb 4:12; Eph 6:17). Christ died for our sins *according to the scriptures* (1 Cor. 15:3).

"—and against the MAN—*that is* my FELLOW, saith the LORD of hosts..."

Definition of "**Fellow**:" a person in the same position, involved in the same activity, or otherwise associated with another.

John 20:24-29 "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

- Jesus still has the nail prints in his hands and the wound in his side.
 - \circ Those wounds were not the cause of His death.
- Thomas acknowledged that Jesus is "**My Lord and my God**" (vs 28).
 - Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for saying it.
 - Men and angels refused such worship (Acts 10:25-26, Rev. 19:10).
- Acts 20:28, God purchased the church "with his own blood." Jesus' blood is God's blood.
- Philippians 2:5-8, Jesus, "being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be EQUAL with God."
 - Jesus didn't start out as a man and then become God (Mormon teaching).
 - God was made in the likeness of men so He could die on the cross.

Zechariah 12:9-10 "They shall look upon ME whom they have PIERCED, and they shall mourn..."

- When Jesus Christ returns to this Earth to destroy His enemies, Israel will see His wounds and grieve. They will repent for their treatment of the Lord.
- We ought to mourn for our part in the crucifixion of our Lord who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. (Isa 53:5)

| Colossians 2:13-14 | God nailed all the ordinances that were against us to the cross with Jesus and covered them with His blood. |
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| | No one can lay anything to our charge. It is God that justifieth (Rom. 8:33). |
| John 10:27-28 | If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have eternal life, you shall never perish, and no man can pluck you out of Jesus hand. |
| Revelation 1:7 | "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindeds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." |
| | You were not there when they pierced Jesus' hands and feet, but if you don't get forgiveness for your sins by receiving Him as your Savior, you will be guilty of His murder. |

He died for you; don't reject Him.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."