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Abstract

Perspectives on Jesus

The trial and crucifixion of Jesus was not just like any other crucifixion that took place in the past. A lot of questions still continue to surround the manner in which they carried out the process. Peter and Paul the apostle were also executed though they took some time in prison before the final verdict was made. For Jesus, it was less than 24 hours and He was already on the cross. Did Jesus really complete the mission that he came to accomplish or did the people cut him short? For the author, he believes that Jesus completed every mission that He came to accomplish on earth. The author has provided different proofs to show that in deed Jesus was aware of the happenings that would take place and that He would be crucified.

Methodology

To collect data for the book, the author made use of the Bible as the major source for his content. The story of Jesus is recorded in the Bible well and it is the best source that one can use in such a circumstance. At the beginning of the chapter, he quotes that anyone who manipulates the Bible for their own reason is not offering any help to the readers of writers. Such a person is just misleading people and should therefore be given the blackmail they deserve. There are different authors within the Bible that the writer references in an aim to prove the points he is making. The authors include John, Mark and Luke who recorded the manner in which the events took place on the night when Jesus was arrested. The author uses these different sources to prove that in deed Jesus was done with the work that He had come to do on earth. The references include Mark 15: 39-41, Mark 14: 32 and John 18:10-11 among others. Peter denied Jesus three times on that night as prophesized by Jesus during the last supper. He said “I do not know this man you are talking about” three times. This is in accordance with the prophecy that Jesus made, that on that night, one of the disciples shall deny Him three times.

Argument

From the book, the author proves that Jesus had already accomplished all the things that He came to do. It goes contrary to the arguments that some people have been saying that the people who crucified Jesus cut Him short. From the book, the arguments are based on the fact that during the last supper, it seemed like Jesus was already preparing to leave the earth. By stating that one person would betray Him and another would deny Him three times, it showed that He was done with what He had come to do. The manner in which the author provides his arguments to prove the statement that he made at the beginning shows that his assertions were true. He had done his in different books within the Bible to prove his statement. The arguments are convincing and one get the much needed information about the topic in question. The chapter presents Jesus as the suffering servant. In the chapter, the author shows that the suffering that Jesus underwent was to bring salvation to the whole of human kind. The behavior of Peter is also looked at within the chapter. Apart from the denial, Peter tried during the arrest to fight the arresters. When Jesus gave Himself to the arresters, it was evident that He was prepared for the passion and that all that was happening was according to the prophecy He made.

Questions

Were the persecutors of Jesus acting on their own knowledge or was it the plan of God?

Did Jesus prove to be the suffering servant of God when He died on the cross?

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