

# What Made the Death of Christ So Special?

The death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary was very unique. It was unlike any other death. What made it so special? It is not what some think.

- **Not because it was prophesied.** There are more than 30 specific prophecies fulfilled in the death of Jesus. Yet there are other deaths that were prophecies in the Bible (Eli's sons – 1 Sam. 2:34; Ahab – 1 Kings 21:19; Jezebel – 1 Kings 21:23).
- **Not because He was innocent in his death.** Many people die innocently. Babies die innocently when they are aborted. Many murder victims die innocently.
- **Not because He died for others.** Many soldiers have given their lives to save those of their fellow soldiers. Firefighters have died trying to rescue others.
- **Not because it was so violent.** Death on the cross was slow, painful torture. Yet historians tell us that the Romans crucified as many as 500 Jews a day when they conquered Jerusalem. Jesus was not the only one to die this way.
- **Not because His death was so humiliating.** Our Lord was stripped, spit upon, insulted, and separated from God. Others have died separated from God. Others have died having been raped first and degraded to all degrees.

*The death of Jesus was unique but not for these reasons.*