




THE NAILS OF THE CROSS

JOHN 20:24-29

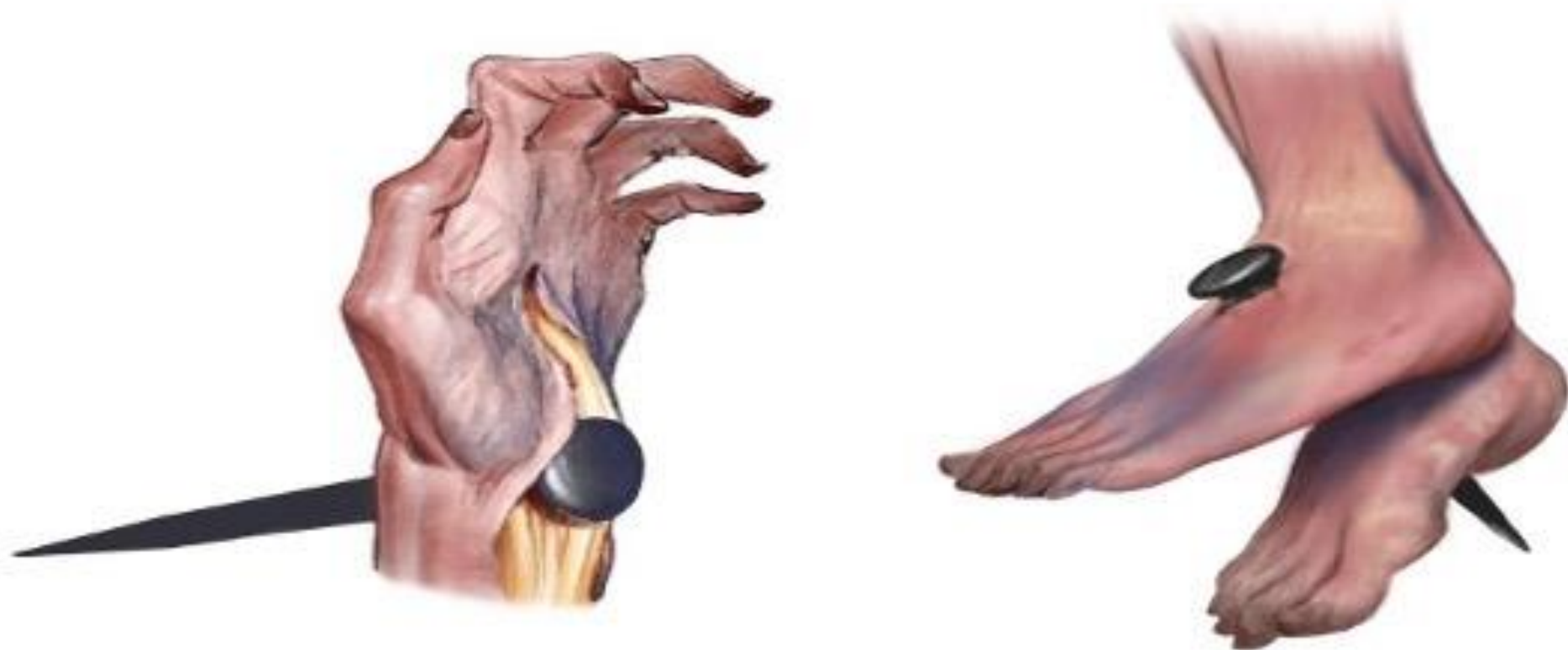


Crucifixion
Nail >>>

Regular sized
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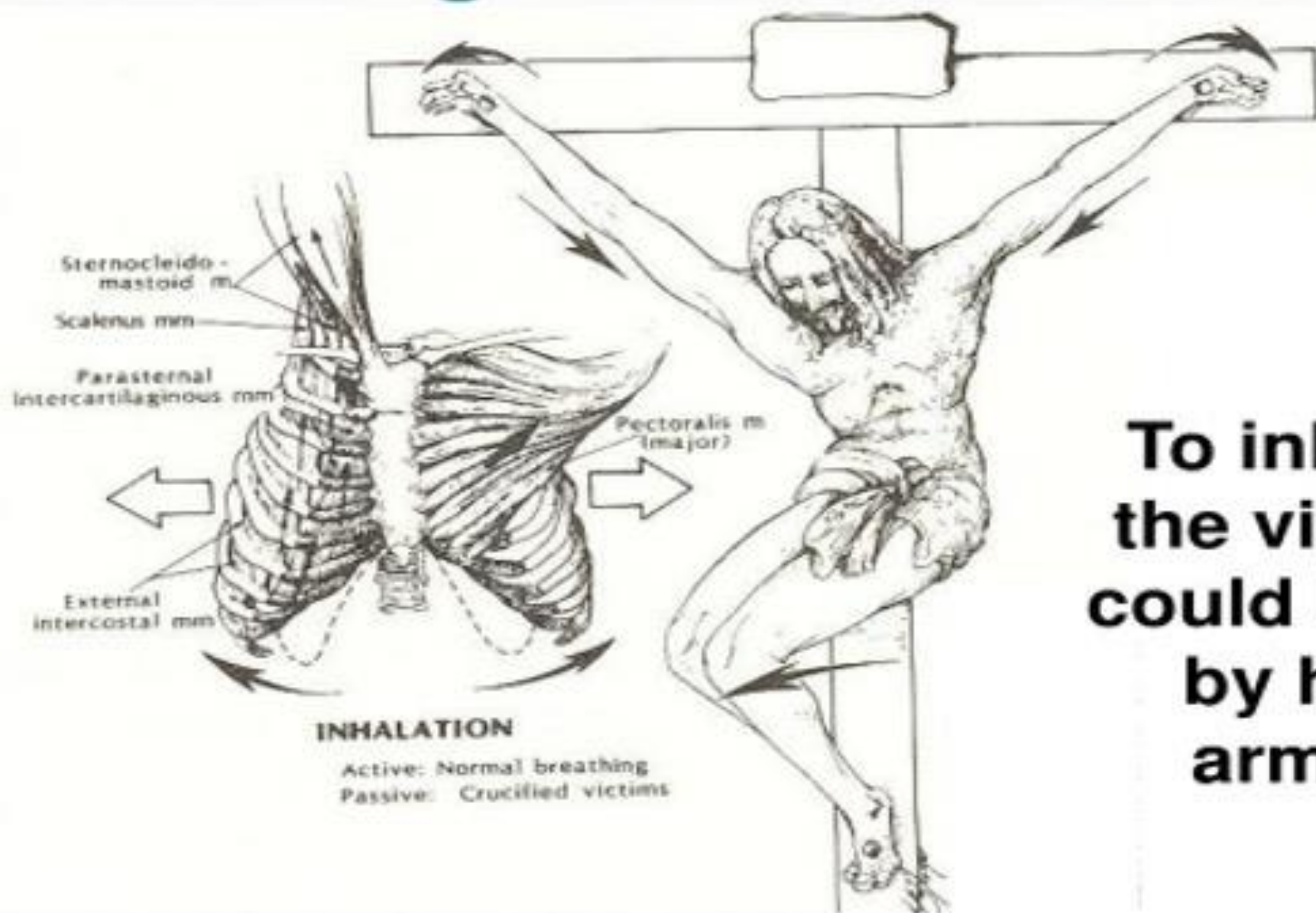
Hands 5-7 inches
Feet 7 inches
3/8 inch Diameter

PIERCING OF THE HANDS AND FEET



The nails are believed to be large iron spikes about 13 to 18 cm, with a 1 cm square shaft (Edwards (1986)). Cadaveric studies, and other researchers suggest that the nails most likely went through the carpal bones located in the lower part of the hand, as opposed to the metacarpal space, due to the lack of ligaments in the surrounding areas of the metacarpals. Cadaveric studies of nail spikes going through the carpal bones, metacarpal space, or the foot bones were not observed to break any bones, but nerve and ligament injury was common.

Breathing while on the Cross



**To inhale
the victim
could hang
by his
arms.**

John 20:24-29

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

3 Nails of the Cross

1. They nailed down the **FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.**
2. The nailed close the **DOOR OF JUDAISM**
3. They nailed together **CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.**
4. The nailed together the **BLOOD AND BAPTISM.**
5. They nailed closed **EVERY OTHER WAY.**
6. The nailed down the **LOVE OF GOD.**

Nailed Down the Faithfulness of God

- **2 Corinthians 1:20** - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
- **Romans 4:21** - And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.
- **Hebrews 11:11** - By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.
- **Titus 1:2** - in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.”
- **Hebrews 6:18** - That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

God Will Hold You Accountable

- **John 8:24** - "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."
- **Mark 16:16** - He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
- **Revelation 2:10** - "... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
- **Hebrews 10:26-27** - For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
- **Matthew 25:46** And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Nailed Closed the Doors to Judaism

- **Colossians 2:14** - Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- **Hebrews 9:15** - And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance
- **Galatians 5:4** - You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- **Matthew 27:51** - Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split

Nailed Together Christ and His Church

- **THE NAILS WERE DRIVEN TO PURCHASE THE CHURCH**
- **Acts 20:28** - Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- **Ephesians 5:25** - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.
- **Ephesians 5:31-32** - "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Nailed Together the Blood and Baptism

- **Revelation 7:13-14** - Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- **1 Peter 1:18-19** - knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- **1 John 1:7** - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

3 Facts – Relationship of Baptism and Blood

1. The Bible says we are washed from our sins in His blood.

- **Revelation 1:5** - And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

2. The Bible also says we are washed from our sins in baptism.

- **Acts 22:16** - And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

3. It is through the blood that we have remission of sins.

- **Matthew 26:28** - For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
- **Acts 2:38** - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We Are Baptized into His Death

- **Romans 6:3-4** - Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- **The nails of the cross have joined baptism and the blood of Christ.**
- **Man cannot draw out these nails by removing baptism from God's plan for salvation.**

Mark 16:16 - He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Nailed Closed Every Other Way

- **John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- **Acts 4:12** - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- **Ephesians 4:4-6** - *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Nailed Down the Love of God

- **Romans 5:8-9** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
- **Hebrews 13:5(b)** - For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”