

DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.

So Rev. Dr. Geikie Says in His History of Jesus.

Jesus died literally of a broken heart. This is the opinion of Rev. Dr. Geikie, the most entertaining historian of the life of the Saviour. His death on the cross occurred sooner than was usual in crucifixions. He was in the prime of life and unweakened by previous ill-health. There is no record of any physical ailment in His life. The mingled flow of blood and water from the wound caused by the spear of the Roman soldier points unmistakably to another explanation than crucifixion in the opinion of medical men. The immediate cause of His death appears, in the same opinion, to have been the rupture of the heart brought about by mental agony. "Excess of joy or of grief is known to induce the bursting of some division of the heart and the consequent flow of blood into the pericardium or bag, filled with colorless serum, like water, in which the heart is suspended." Eminent medical authorities say: "In a death from heart rupture 'the hand is suddenly carried to the front of the chest and a piercing shriek uttered.'" The hands of Jesus were nailed to the cross, but the appalling shriek was uttered.

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