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## **The Day I Was Crucified Details**

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# **From Reader Review The Day I Was Crucified for online ebook**

## **Brett says**

It's incredible to think about what calvary must have looked like through the eyes of our Savior. Definitely amazed by the Saviors love and by His obedience to the Father.

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## **ChrisGA says**

I find it difficult to adequately describe the power and impact of this book. The last day of Jesus' earthly life is unfolded before the reader in vivid and heartbreaking language from Jesus' first person point of view. A sample excerpt: ... "I laid down on the crossbeam and stretched out my arms. Father, permit even this. The soldiers stared at me. In all their experiences of executing men, they had never seen the victim willingly stretch out his arms to receive the nails. It was I and I alone who would consent to the Cross." The horribleness of His death is illustrated but not done in as graphic or gruesome manner as it could have been. Instead, the author focuses on the way Jesus might have understood the events through His divine eyes. He knew what was coming, willingly accepted His Father's will, but knew all that His death would mean and how the world would be changed forever. He also knew that "After my death I would yet lay my eyes on another door, the one that separates heaven from earth. After this day, the separation would be no more." The author takes particular care to describe Jesus' assault by the forces of evil—"those creatures that man's eyes cannot see" and His call to have them meet Him on the Cross along with the sins of man.

The book is written in an engaging manner which leads the reader to keep turning the pages until the climax. It is a fresh presentation of a familiar story, and it will stay with the reader long after the last sentence is read. I highly recommend it. I received the book through The Book Club Network in exchange for this my honest review.

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## **Grace Batchelder says**

wow this book impacted me in so many ways and i will read it a great many times more in years to come. I saw the crucifixion and all that came before it so differently before hand and this book gave me a closer look at it. I never realized HOW hard and burdensome it was for Christ to take EVERY sin of EVERY person onto His shoulders and die for it. Or how bad the cat-o-nine tails actually hurt him and what it felt like to be rejected by His people, denied by one of His closest friends and beat and killed by the very people He came to save. knew it was bad and hard but i never knew it was quite like that. This book gave me a whole new perspective

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## **Erin Osumi-Demotte says**

**Spectacular - Mind blowing - This is what I've been searching for in a book about my LORD GOD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST....**

What can I say to even explain how impacting, deep, & just how much this is based on Solid Scripture, mixed with Scripture upon Scripture, Prophecy upon Prophecy.... I search and search for True Christian Historical Fiction. I make it point to first research the author. I need to know if the author Loves the Lord, and really Abides in HIM and in HIS WORD

And if the author, "in the best of his abilities" Writes the TRUTH. In my search I've found wolves in sheep's clothing, cutting out GODS TRUTH to push their agenda... and for those authors, it would better for them if they would never have been born (& there are allot of those kinds of authors who mock, lie and purposefully try and confuse those who believe in our LORD & SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, & write "trying" to undermine the Infallibility of HIS DIVINE WORD)....

Well, I've read great books ( Fiction, based on Truth ) by many Wonderful Brother's & Sister's, who KNOW the LORD JESUS, & I will always wait for their next books....

BUT THIS BOOK... This Book Is So Right On. - So - Much - Prophecy - In -Word, from GENESIS to REVELATION - I really think as much as this author could put in is in this book, and (this being my test with the authors of the books of I read - that write about my LORD JESUS CHRIST," because we, HIS sheep hear HIS VOICE, & HIS authors do as well: and it shows up on their pages.. in their books"

THIS BOOK IS GREAT. IF I COULD GIVE IT MORE THAN FIVE STARS I'D GIVE IT 10... A MUST read for all the LORDS SHEEP... AWESOME, BOOK. PLEASE Gene Edwards... WRITE MORE... & may the LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you and THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRE and bless you

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### **Chris Lyman says**

My 2nd book I read by Mr. Edwards.

Like the first book "The Tale of the three Kings"

he had my attention from the beginning. I loved

the thoughts Jesus might have had during his

crucifixion and makes the great story very personal.

If you enjoyed other books by this Author you'll

enjoy this one. Quick read.

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### **Jason Mosher says**

My previous review I admit was a bit precocious, and maybe even inflammatory, so I retract and apologize for the tone in which it was presented, but I'm afraid the content and it's foundation must remain. I have serious concerns of a doctrinal nature based on my own understanding of the scriptures from 20 years of study and instruction which I will detail below in a series of challenges for you to use in your own evaluation. I present them in this way because I believe Edward's account has the potential to seriously skew

your understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection as they are presented in the scriptures, which: 1) Has tremendous implications for the eternal state of your soul, and 2) Need to be brought up in a critical manner, since this book is supposed to be based on the Biblical accounts of these events. Let's begin.

#### 1) The book description's assertions

I have un-related issues with the hyperbole used in the description and what they say about Edward's motives for writing the book in the first place, but I'll stick to the actual doctrinal critiques for now.

a) "See that infamous day not through the eyes, nor the voice of other men, but rather through the eyes and voice of the Lord Jesus Christ himself."

According to the Bible, who is it's author? (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21) Evaluate this statement in light of these Scriptures.

b) "Because it is His account of His own death, you will discover little known aspects of Christ's death."

Read Revelation 22:16-19. What does Jesus say about the completion of the Scriptures? Considering this, can there be any "little known aspects of Christ's death"? Consider the implications of Edward's assertion that this is "[Jesus'] account of His own death" in the light of this scripture. Are there any such accounts in the Bible? No. What, then, is he basing this account on?

c) Considering the above, what gives Edwards the authority to make these assertions about his book? How should these things affect your approach to it?

#### 2) The Cup(s?)

a) In the whole of the Scriptures, what is the metaphor of the cup most often used to depict? (Search for "The cup of" and "poured out"). According to this, you could call it the cup of \_\_\_\_\_.

b) In Edward's depiction of Jesus' visions in the Garden of Gethsemane, you could call the cups the cups of \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Support with the Scriptures the doctrine of angelic atonement, which Edwards represents with the vision of the third cup.

d) Are there any Scriptural references to "cups" that Jesus may have asked to be passed from him individually? Evaluate Edward's use of the three cups in this light. I understand that Jesus was "made to be sin" for our sakes, but given the biblical use of the cup, does Edwards' merging of these ideas stand? How could these differences between the Scriptures and Edward's depictions affect your understanding of the Gospel?

I had more, but will stop there. Having now finished the book, I think it suffices to say that I cannot recommend it based on it's doctrinal flaws and uselessness as a means of knowing the Jesus presented in Scriptures. If you're interested in Edward's personal doctrinal postulations, this book is for you, but I strongly recommend continuing in your own Biblical analysis of his ideas. Even things as simple as the thief being in paradise without Jesus, when Jesus had said "Today, you will be WITH ME in paradise" should cause you to question them. The most troublesome to me is that the law was killed, as it were, with Christ and no longer has power over man. Search the Scriptures and see if this is true, and what the difference means. While his depictions of the "other world" are interesting, I find them questionable and would like to see Edward's biblical support for all that occurred on the cross and in the tomb. Without it, why am I reading this?

I can say I appreciated his connecting Jesus' wounded side to the creation of Eve, though I don't think Jesus would have thought of himself as being "alone". This idea really helps me understand what it means for the Church to be his bride and thus his helper. This one thought is hardly enough to redeem Edwards' muddling of Jesus' death and resurrection in this work.

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## **Linda says**

### **The death and crucifixion**

Part 1 written as a story. Part 2 written directly from the bible. Very thought provoking to read from Jesus' perspective.

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## **Lynda says**

I think it was a different read. I liked it. It gives you much to think about.

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## **Jalynn Patterson says**

About the Book:

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My Review:

Oh only to know the real account of how Jesus truly felt would be such a helpful connection for many of us. Gene Edwards gives us a very compelling, a very gripping account of how he believes Jesus may of felt while taking on the sin of the world. What a master craftsman with words, the author was for this book. In such a short amount of time, in approximately a little over 200 pages, the author manages to pull you in to the fury known as the days before Jesus was to take his place on the cross. He invites you a seat on the sideline to watch in amazement as the events unfold---an amazing event indeed.

Not only does the author give us the reader a fictional account that will shake you to the core, he also provides you with the melding of the four Gospels to show everything placed in it's proper order with times and dates and no stone being left unturned. A brilliant work of art is this book, nothing I have ever read was as much fun as this book. The only thing more complete would be to know Jesus' real thoughts on that day.

Great fiction based Biblical account!

**\*\*Disclosure\*\*** This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from Book Fun.

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### **Jonathan Laboy Juárez says**

This book attempts to give us an insight into thoughts of Christ during His Passion. The purpose is to lead us to reflect on what Jesus may have been thinking or feeling, and what His surroundings might have been like: transporting us into the days of Christ's crucifixion.

Although the goal of the book is commendable, and at times it invited reflection on Jesus' crucifixion, the book ultimately fails at its goal. It is filled with doctrinal inaccuracies, anachronisms, and fails to transport you to Israel in Jesus' times because of its vague descriptions and lack of depth. It deserves more context, and apart from its smooth syntax and grammar: it is poorly written.

That would be fine, were it not for the doctrinal errors in the book: most of which are found in the fictional account of Jesus' encounter with the personifications of: Sin, Worldliness, Law, and Lucifer. These conversations are unbiblical, and misleading: sin is personified as the one to blame for all the world's problems (as if men are its victims), the Law is illustrated as abolished (Jesus clearly states He fulfills the Law, not abolish it; furthermore the Law is good and it represents God's righteousness, it is not the devil's instrument, and it is meant to lead us to repentance—to recognize our need of grace—rather than to destroy us), along with other problems.

Although the fictional part of the book has a serious amount of problems (go to the Bible for truth, not Gene Edwards), it provides a remedy in the end by providing a biblical narrative of Christ's Passion with the Gospels as a guide. This is the narrative you (as the author did) should cling to as a guide: it is faithful to the text, it is smooth reading, and it represents what REALLY happened.

I would not recommend reading this book, unless you have knowledge of Scriptures.

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### **Mary says**

"The Day I Was Crucified, as told by Christ Himself" by Gene Edwards is a powerful little book. I have very mixed feelings about it! Part one of this book is a work of fiction, and should only be viewed as fiction. I am afraid some might pick this up and view it as truth. Truth is found in the Holy Bible, and only in the Holy Bible. That said, I feel like I can now talk about this book.

In these two hundred pages is a story that is famous throughout the world, and it covers only a few days of the life of Christ. In part one we find Jesus in agony, praying desperately to His Father about His upcoming death. Edwards has made me "feel" some of the heartache Jesus might possibly have felt during this time. It is hard to even imagine the tremendous pain and suffering He went through on my behalf, so that I can go to heaven. So, besides the emotional turmoil that Edwards helps us understand on a deeper level, there is also the physical pain. No human could endure so much! Yet Christ willingly suffered in order to save mankind. Part two (the last 1/3) of "The Day I was Crucified," is a biblical narrative of the crucifixion and resurrection. Here Edwards has combined all four gospel accounts into one complete story that again tells of the crucifixion of Christ, only this time, he is using scripture.

As I said earlier, I have mixed feelings about this book. To me it feels wrong to put words in God's mouth. (Who am I to think I know the mind of Christ?) Yet, for some folks, Edwards' words might be just what they need to draw closer to Jesus. I would recommend you use this book as a tool, hoping it will lead you to search the scriptures for yourself. Perhaps it will help you understand how very loved you are by our heavenly Father!

I received this book from The Book Club Network in exchange for my honest opinion.

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### **Julie Wasmus says**

I really enjoyed this book. I actually read it all in one day because I couldn't put it down. The imagery that came to mind while reading it, was quite interesting. Keep in mind this is "fiction" as the author couldn't actually know Jesus' thoughts; however, it was a new way to think about that fateful weekend.

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### **Pamela Jo says**

#### **Deeply Moving Account**

This is the first time I have read a book by Gene Edwards. It is a work of fiction about the day Christ was crucified, told in words which Jesus might have spoken during that time. I wasn't sure what to expect of the book, but I could not put it down after I began. I received it in the mail, sat down to read in the evening, and finished the book in one sitting. It captured my attention from the first page.

There is an easy flow to the book, yet it is extremely moving and touching. As it is a work of fiction, the words of Christ are only the author's suggestion of what could have happened if one had lived during that time period and had actually been able to converse with and listen to Jesus. There are scripture references at the end of the book which coincide with the message of the story. It is a story which stirs emotion and understanding. It is an excellent read anytime during the year, but I think it would be an extremely powerful book to read each year during the season of Lent. I plan to do exactly that, and am certain I will be touched by something new each time I read the story.

Now that I have become familiar with the author, I plan to look for other books he has written. As for this work, I highly recommend reading the account of the day Christ was crucified. It is insightful, inspirational, and well worth the reader's time.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher, through The Book Club Network ([bookfun.org](http://bookfun.org)) in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Terry Lushbough says**

#### **The mind of Christ being crucified**

While the scriptures tell of the days of Christ's passion, Gene Edwards reveals what went on behind the scenes and the possibilities of Christ's thoughts through it all and afterwards. Good read.



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## **Jeanie says**

This is a book like no other that I have read – the depiction of what author Gene Edwards sees as Jesus’ view of the hours leading up to His death and resurrection. The battles in the spiritual realm, His suffering in prayer, His ultimate suffering, death – and then, victory! It is a must read for mature Christians, those who understand that the spiritual battles demonstrated could be especially considered during Lent, during the week commemorating Christ’s death and resurrection, or any other time of year.

We as sinful human beings truly cannot know what Jesus experienced through those excruciatingly long, dreadful hours, but what we see from the heart of this author will change forever the understanding of the crushing weight of our sin cost God, cost Jesus. The physical suffering of our Lord was not emphasized to the degree I might have anticipated. Instead, we see the demonstration of the possible immense spiritual battles that our Savior, Jesus, may have endured. For me, for my sins. Could I ever see a sin as little after reading this? I hope not!

The Day I Was Crucified is great literary work of this century to be sure; the author’s insight into God’s will for mankind – because He loves us so much more than we can imagine, includes scenes and struggles that I never considered. He includes the depravity faced by Jesus as inflicted the enemy of our soul and his demons, and the last enemy to be overcome – death. Not merely physical death, but the eternal damnation of our soul if we reject who Jesus is and what He has done.

If there are things included that might seem to go against what you have been taught before or what your church teaches, I would urge you to remember that the ultimate truth that the Lord wanted us to know this side of heaven is in the pages of Scripture. Remember that Part One of this book is not scripture, but a previously unexplored view of the spirit realm that those who were present at Christ’s crucifixion were not privy to. Remember that nothing Jesus endured was a surprise to God – why else would Jesus have suffered so grievously in prayer the night before His death?

And as you consider the battles of Part One, you will find in Part Two a skillful compilation of the four Gospel accounts of Jesus’ trials, crucifixion, and resurrection. While the version of Scripture is not noted, it is for many of us the very familiar truths of Jesus’ final hours before His death, and His resurrection from death. To read these verses together is as if the Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday scriptures were all part of one long, tragic, victorious day.

We are gifted through this to have a glimpse of how great God’s love is for us, how great Jesus’ love for and obedience to His Father is. Now that we have so much more to reflect on than before, we also may consider how we live in the light of God’s love and Jesus’ glorious resurrection. I highly recommend this book to mature Christians of any age, and Christians who desire the growth in faith that might be imparted as they understand the outrageous sacrifice Jesus made on their behalf. Take your time with it. Reflect on what is truth in scripture, as well as the suggestions of what Jesus fought for so mightily for you as seen through the eyes of Gene Edwards. It can change your life.

With a grateful heart, I received a copy of this book through the “For Readers Only” group at The Book Club Network, in exchange for my honest review. All opinions are my own, and no monetary compensation was received for this review.

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