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Dear Dr. Stanley,

Your book, *He Was Crucified*, is quite frankly the most beautiful work I have ever had the pleasure of reading. Your medical analysis of the effects of the passion and death of Our Lord upon his physical, emotional, and psychological health has the gripping lure of one of the finest crime dramas in the present media. I was most moved by your insight that the Scourged Jesus was already dying and considering the state of medical science of the day, he could not have recovered from the assaults on his body.

But your book is more than a medical analysis. The paintings, sculpture, poetry, liturgical texts, and reflections of the great minds of the East and West concerning the crucifixion provide numerous insights into the profound meaning of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

I am certain that this work will move and inspire thousands who search for a deeper meaning to their own lives built upon faith in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. John D. Bolderson, Ph.D.