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New book enlightens readers about the Passion of Christ

Houston, TX—Dec. 16, 2008—In his book, Died He for Me—A Physician’s View of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, (Nordskog Publishing, 2008), Mark A. Marinella, M.D., F.A.C.P., sheds new light on the grueling last day in the life of Jesus Christ while offering a detailed account of Old Testament prophecies proving him to be the foretold Messiah.

With a thorough understanding of human physiological processes and a solid grounding in Old and New Testament scripture, Marinella offers to readers through his book, *Died He for Me*, a glimpse of Jesus’ torture and crucifixion rarely seen outside the medical classroom, all the while connecting each step to scriptures predicting the Messiah’s death.

“The crux of Christianity is salvation from the penalty of sin through faith that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh,” Marinella states in the preface to his new book. Thus he sets the standard for the remainder of the work – to prove once and for all that Jesus was in fact the long-awaited Messiah, and as the suffering servant portrayed in Isaiah 53, he died to bring salvation to all people.

“This book is written for the non-physician, providing medical and scientific knowledge in an understandable and insightful manner,” said Dr. Steven Burdette, assistant professor of internal medicine at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. “The conclusions drawn by Dr. Marinella are plausible and are excellent explanations of what physiologic processes were likely occurring in Christ over his final hours.”

The book is ordered chronologically according to the Gospels’ portrayal of Jesus’ final 24 hours, beginning with The Last Supper and ending with his burial. Chapters include an in-depth look at Jesus’ betrayal, all-night trials, scourging, the walk to Golgotha, the crucifixion process itself and his actual death, with each chapter offering a study of the physiological processes he was likely experiencing. The chapter on Jesus’ death asks the age-old question, was he really dead when he was buried in the tomb, and provides a solid explanation backed by Biblical evidence that provides a definitive medical answer.

Balanced against the purely medical treatment of Jesus’ final hours is a chapter offering a brief history of crucifixion and another providing a detailed exposé of Old Testament scriptures predicting the suffering of the Messiah, and how Jesus’ experiences depicted in the Gospels fulfilled the prophecies. A final chapter asks, “What does this all mean for me?” “I hope to help us appreciate why the crucifixion was and still is an important event for believers to contemplate,” Marinella says. “Remembering the crucifixion will help us see Jesus’ resurrection as even more glorious and, hopefully, enhance our walk with Christ.”

An Appendix contains a bibliography for further reading and includes the words to the hymns “In Christ Alone,” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Isaac Watts.

Died He for Me will leave skeptics with a great deal to consider, and the faith of devout Christians will be intensified as readers ponder the value of Jesus’ “tremendous sacrifice made to restore [us] to [God’s] grace.”