

SILENT WITNESSES

THE SPEAR

Questions

1. The spear talks about taking care of itself. It has gone through a lot of battles. It was looked after and kept in shape, in order to do its job the best it can. How good are we at taking care of ourselves? Keeping in shape? (Spiritually speaking)
2. "Whatever you do, you should do it to the best of your ability?" Do we, in the church, always do things 'to the best of our abilities?' After all, the Lord will forgive any inattentiveness on our part.
3. The Spear had a very active and significant role. Then his role is modified: he finds himself 'in semi-retirement,' on crucifixion detail and being used for crowd control. Finally, being tossed aside and thrown on the ground. How do we feel when our role is changed?
4. Does it sound as though he were being set aside: his training and experiences being ignored?
5. Are there times when we feel as though we are 'drying out' or feeling disappointed? How can we change that?
6. When the sun started to move and the heat intensified, the Spear was saved from the heat by Jesus' shadow. He felt conflicted: glad that Jesus shadow gave him relief, but uncomfortable with the idea that it took a death to give him that relief. How do you feel when you realise that Jesus died for you?
7. When Jesus blood and water poured out over the spear, He had an overwhelming sense of feeling sharper, cleaner, more alive. How did having a similar experience influence you?
8. Jesus was betrayed by all his followers but he forgave them. Have you ever felt that you betrayed Jesus? Is that forgiveness for you?
9. How blessed are we to have Jesus?