

The Watchtower contradicted its depiction of the death of Christ. In 1966, the Jehovah's Witnesses believed Jesus Christ was nailed on a stake. The Watchtower's magazines show a picture of Christ on a stake with one nail on his hands and a sign posted above his hands; and they believe, "This is the manner in which Jesus was impaled" (Appendix in New World Translation, 1969 version). But some of their sources contradict that belief.

- John 20:25 (NWT) reads that more than one nail was imprinted on Christ's hands. "Consequently the other disciples would say to him: "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and stick my finger into the print of the nails and stick my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe."

- The Watchtower confessed there was more than one nail imprinted on Christ's hands. "In one instance, he invited Thomas to inspect the wounds inflicted in his hands by means of the nails" (The Watchtower, January 15, 1966, p. 63).

- Matthew 27:37 (NWT) reads that the sign was not posted above Jesus' hands, but rather his head. Isn't the sign supposed to be above Jesus' hands since he was nailed to a stake? "Also, they posted above his head the charge against him, in writing: "This is Jesus the King of the Jews."

- The Watchtower had to later admit that their depiction of Christ's death in their magazines were not absolutes and limited on facts. But then, is it still fact or not? "Thus, it is just not possible at this point to state with certainty how many nails were used. Any drawing of Jesus on the stake should be understood as artists' productions that offer merely a representation based on the limited facts that we have" (The Watchtower of April 1, 1984, p. 31) "We thus recognize that depictions of Jesus death in our publications, such as you see on page 24, are merely reasonable artistic renderings of the scene, not statements of anatomical absolutes."