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UNDERSTANDING THE QURANIC TERM 'SALABA'

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Crucifixion is a method in which an individual is put to death by a slow, painful manner of execution by tying one to a large wooden cross or being left to hang till death. The Arabic '*salaba*' means to put to **death** by crucifixion, or to put to **death** in any well-known manner of **killing**.

REFERENCE A:

causing his sweat to flow]. (TA.) — And صَلَبَهُ, (Ṣ, M, A, Mṣb, K,) aor. =, (M, Mṣb, K,) inf. n. صَلَبٌ; (Ṣ, M, Mṣb;) and صَلَبَهُ, (M, K,) inf. n. تَصْلِبُ, (K,) or the verb with teshdeed is said of a pl. number; (Ṣ, A;) [*He crucified him;*] he put him to death in a certain well-known manner; (M, L;) he made him to be مَصْلُوبٌ; (K;) namely, one who had slain another; (Mṣb;) or a

[4] LANE. E.W, Edward Lanes Lexicon, Williams and Norgate 1863; Librairie du Liban Beirut-Lebanon 1968, Volume 4, Page 1711

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REFERENCE B:

Salaba صَلَبَ / **Saliba** صَلَبَ
صَلَبٌ ، صَلَابَةٌ ، صَلَبًا ؛ يَصَلِبُ

To put to death by crucifixion, extract marrow from bones. *Salb* صَلَبَ: A well

known way of killing; Crucifying. *Salabahû* صَلَبَهُ: He put him to death in a certain well known manner; He crucified. *Aslâb* اصْلَابَ: plu. of *Sulbun* صَلْبٌ: Backbones; Loins. *Maslûb* مَصْلُوبٌ crucified. *Salîbun* صَلِيبٌ : Put to death in a certain well known manner. It is not mere hanging on a cross. Jesus was hanged on a cross but not put to death, in other words his death did not occur while he was hanging on a cross.

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REFERENCE C:

صَلَبٌ *salaba* ; (*salb*) to crucify (• s.o.) II = I;
to make the sign of the cross (على over);
to cross o.s.; to cross, fold (▲ one's
arms)

[1] WEHR. H, A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic, Edited by J.Milton Cowan, 3rd Edition, Spoken Languages Services Inc. 1976, Page 521

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REFERENCE D:

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صَلْبٌ: تَغْلِيقٌ عَلَى صَلِيبٍ

[3] AL MAWRID - A Modern Arabic-English Dictionary. Dr. Rohi Baalbaki, Dar El-Ilm Lilmalayin, Seventh Edition 1995, Page 699

REFERENCE E:

ŞALABA vb. (I)~to crucify

- a) perf. act.
4:157 (156) yet they did not slay him, neither crucified him
- e) impf. pass. (*yuşlabu*)
12:41 (41) as for the other, he shall be crucified

ŞALLABA vb. (II)~to crucify

- b) impf. act. (*yuşallibu*)
7:124 (121) then I shall crucify you all together
20:71 (74) then I shall crucify you upon the trunks of palm-trees
26:49 (49) then I shall crucify you all together
- e) impf. pass. (*yuşallabu*)
5:33 (37) they shall be slaughtered, or crucified

[7] KASSIS. H E, A Concordance of the Qur'an, University of California Press: Berkeley-Los Angeles-London, Page 1186.

REFERENCE F:

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صَلَبٌ وَتَصْلِبُ

[8] WORTABETS Arabic English Dictionary, Page 352

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