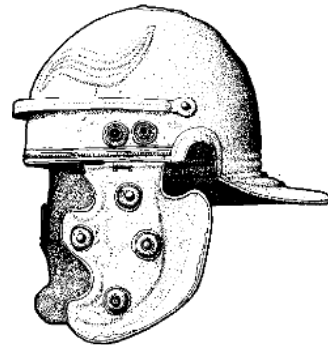


The Helmet of Salvation

"**Roman helmets** (*galea*) were made of iron or copper alloy (both bronze and brass are known). The main features are the bowl, a neck guard (to protect from blows to the neck), cheek pieces (to protect the sides of the face), and a brow guard (defending against downward blows to the face)."

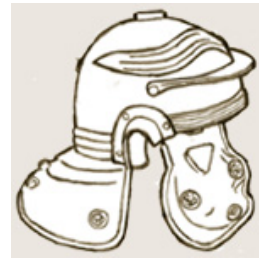


"Helmets, like other armor, were hand-made and could vary greatly in quality and style. There is no evidence that an army unit was uniform in the type of helmet each soldier would wear, but general style and function appeared to be the same."

"Many helmets had fittings to allow for the attachment of crests or rings for plumes if the soldier was on parade. Soldiers often punched or scratched their names and those of their centurions onto their helmets as a mark of ownership."

"Centurions and other officers wore crests on their helmets made of horse hair and could be dyed blond or red. This allowed the troops to see them easier and follow them into battle."





Helmet of Salvation

Function of the Helmet for the Roman Soldier:

- 1) Primarily used for **PROTECTION** of the head, face, and neck.
- 2) The soldier used the helmet to **IDENTIFY** himself with his commander.
- 3) When not engaged in battle, it is worn with **PRIDE** to display himself to others.

Function of the Helmet of Salvation for the Christian:

- 1) It identifies us with its object, **JESUS CHRIST**.
 - a. Our salvation centers on a **PERSON**, not a **RELIGION**. (John 14:6, 3:17)
(Luke 2:30; 3:6 – Salvation is identified AS Christ.)
- 2) To protect the **INTELLECT (MIND)**.
 - a. Our salvation is both past - **JUSTIFICATION**, present - **SANCTIFICATION**, and future - **GLORIFICATION**. (Rom. 8:28-30). It is the promises of future freedom from sin and eternal communion with Christ that we must find our hope. (I Thes. 5:1-11 and Titus 2:11-14)
 - b. Satan attacks the **PROMISES** of God, including our future deliverance.

Sometimes, in the heat of battle, our emotions give way to despair and we must fall back on what we **KNOW** to be true. This is an action of the mind, not the heart or the emotions.
- 3) We should be proud as saints, not in **OURSELVES** but in **CHRIST**.
(Psalm 34:2; I Cor. 1:31; II Cor. 10:17; Also Rom. 5:17; Hebrews 3:5-6)

Application: How do we as 21st century Christians “wear” the helmet of salvation?
