

Huldrych Zwingli

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Pronunciation – Huldrych ~Ooh-L-drahykh~ Zwingli ~Zwing-Glee~

Born: 1st of January 1484, Wildhaus, Canton of St. Gallen, Swiss Confederation – Died: 11th of October 1531 (aged 47), Kappel, (Canton of Zurich, Swiss Confederation)(Wikipedia)

Huldrych Zwingli died while hiding under dead and wounded bodies on the battle field of Kappel. He was already wounded, but, while men were looting the dead bodies they asked if he would like a priest to come get his confession. He said nothing and looked up toward heaven. They said if he could no longer speak he should call the mother of God in his heart and have her call the beloved saints to plead to God for grace on his behalf. Zwingli shook his head and continued to gaze into heaven.

When he did so the Catholic men grew impatient and cursed him and said he was one of the obstinate cantankerous heretics and should get what he deserved. Then the captain (Fuckinger of Unterwalden) appeared and in desperation drew his sword on which he gave Zwingli a thrust on which Huldrych Zwingli died. (Christian Today)

Huldrych was the most important reformer in the Swiss Protestant Reformation and the only major reformer of the 16th century whose movement did not evolve into a church. Like Martin Luther, he accepted the supreme authority of the Scriptures, but he applied it more rigorously and comprehensively to all doctrines and practices. He lived in Basel(1494) then moved to Bern(1496).(Britannica)

His father was a village magistrate. His mother was the sister of abbot of Fischingen in Thurgau, and his uncle Bartholomäus was priest of Wildhaus and later dean of Wesen.

