

TD Jakes Tells All on Health Scare: 'I'd have been dead on arrival'

Bishop T.D. Jakes is finally opening up about the cause behind his terrifying health scare.

During an interview with the TODAY Show, Jakes revealed that his medical emergency at the end of last year, which happened on stage at his church, The Potter's House, was a heart attack.

In the interview with Craig Melvin, Jakes said he didn't fully understand what was happening to him until he received emergency medical care.

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"I didn't really realize what was happening to me onstage until I got to the hospital in an ambulance and fussing that it happened onstage, by the way, because I didn't want it to happen, and the doctor leaned over my ear and said, 'You had a massive heart attack.'"

Jakes explained he did not feel the signs of a heart attack.

"No numbness, no sharp pain," says Jakes. "I just kind of drifted off to sleep. I didn't know what it was, but I almost died."

Jakes also said that the timing of when he received medical attention was critical.

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“[The doctor] said five minutes later, I’d have been dead on arrival...’ The right side of my heart had completely stopped getting blood at all.”

Jakes noted that while he was standing, he was OK. However, once he sat down his body’s adrenaline plummeted, revealing the clot affecting his heart.

“They had to claw the microphone out of my hand. But in my mind, I was in a quiet, peaceful, serene, white-enveloped, cloud-enveloped space,” Jakes says.

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