#### **BIBLE STUDY: Why Was Jesus Christ Crucified?**

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Do YOU know WHAT specifically, put Jesus at odds with the Jewish Temple Leadership? WHAT actually influenced a Roman Governor (one who initially could find no fault in Him), to finally sentence Jesus to the Most Horrific means of Execution Possible; one reserved for The Most Dangerous of criminals? Was it something Jesus "Did, Said, or Taught?" Let's open up our Bibles today, and Discover and PROVE This Remarkable TRUTH for ourselves!!! www.onug.us

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**Can YOU Correctly Answer These 12 Questions About** Christ's Cross?

1) What is A Jerusalem Cross?

2) Is the image of 3 crosses on Good Friday, with an Easter Sunday sunrise Resurrection a Biblically sound concept; as Catholic Church traditions teach?

3) Did Pontius Pilate condemn 4 other men to die on the cross with Christ; and if so, why was each man condemned to die?

4) Could being convicted as a simple thief, be justification enough for the worse form of capital punishment Rome had to offer?

5) What crime was Christ convicted of by the Jewish temple leaders?

6) What crime did Pontius Pilate convict Christ of, one that earned Him the death sentence on a Roman cross?

7) What were The 3 Biblical reasons Christ had to die?

8) Did the Biblical account of Christ dying on Golgotha happen on a Passover Day?

9) Can you Prove from The Bible, that the day on which Christ died, fell on a Wednesday; with His Resurrection occurring on a weekly Sabbath (Saturday) afternoon, just before sunset?

10) Was Jesus Crucified between two thieves; or was He hung between two Malfactors (or Rebels), with two other Plunderers (or Pirates) also hung on Christ's left and right outer flanks? www.onug.us

11) Did Jesus spend two nights and one day in the grave, as the Catholic Church teaches; or did Christ fulfill The Sign of Jonah, and spend three full nights and three full days in His Grave?

12) How could Jesus Make and Keep a Promise with one of the criminals, "To day shalt thou be with Me in paradise"; when He would die first, and then have to be in His grave for the next 3 days to qualify as our Savior? www.onug.us

"Study to shew thyself Approved unto God, a workman that needeth NOT to be ashamed, Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth!!!" (2 Timothy 2:15).

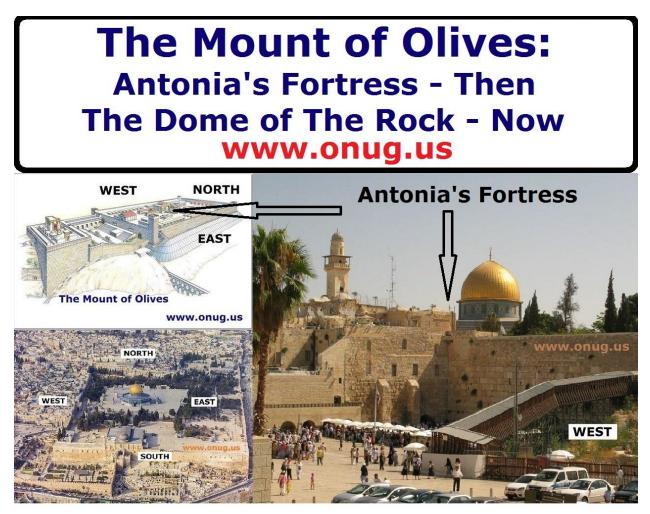
Now it is your turn! Can YOU, just like the Apostle Paul did; Prove that your answers to the above questions come directly from Scripture? www.onug.us

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that Called you into The Grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert The Gospel of Christ!!! But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have Preached unto you, let him be Accursed!!! As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be Accursed!!! For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should NOT be the Servant of Christ!!!

But I certify you, brethren, that The Gospel which was Preached of me is not after man! For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but BY The Revelation of Jesus Christ!!!" (Galatians 1:6-12).

## Learn to PROVE God's TRUTH (John 17:17), from the pages of your Bible Alone (Isaiah 28:9-10 / 1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Matthew 13:52)! We are here to help YOU! www.onug.us

Before we start today, let's review some background on the Dome of the Rock, as it is today; and the Mount of Olives of yesteryear – when Jesus walked this earth in flesh.



# Bible Studies for those who want to know The TRUTH!!!

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Titus Flavius Josephus (37–100 A.D.), was born Joseph Ben Matityahu, and was a first-century Romano-Jewish scholar, historian and hagiographer, who was born in Jerusalem (which was at that time part of Roman Judea). His father was of priestly descent, and his mother claimed royal ancestry.

Josephus initially fought against the Romans during the First Jewish–Roman War as head of Jewish forces in Galilee, until surrendering in 67 A.D. to Roman forces led by Vespasian after the six-week siege of Jotapata. Josephus claimed the Jewish Messianic prophecies that initiated the First Roman-Jewish War, and made reference to Vespasian becoming Emperor of Rome! In response, Vespasian decided to keep Josephus as a slave and as his Jewish Hebrew interpreter. After Vespasian became Emperor in 69 A.D., he granted Josephus his freedom, at which time Josephus assumed the emperor's family name of Flavius.

Flavius Josephus fully defected to the Roman side, and was granted Roman citizenship. He became an advisor and friend of Vespasian's son Titus, serving as his translator when Titus led the Siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which resulted (when the Jewish revolt did not surrender) in the city's destruction; and in the looting and destruction of Herod's Temple (the Second Temple). See Matthew 24:1-2. www.onug.us

Josephus recorded Jewish history, with special emphasis on the first century A.D., and the First Jewish–Roman War, including the Siege of Masada. His most important works were The Jewish War (75 A.D.) and Antiquities of the Jews (94 A.D.). The Jewish War recounts the Jewish revolt against Roman occupation (66–70 A.D.). The Antiquities of the Jews recounts the history of the world from a Jewish perspective for an ostensibly Roman audience. These works provide valuable insight into first century Judaism and the background of Early Christianity.

Joesphus describes Antonia's fortress as pictured above. Josephus' dimensions are 115 m from East to West, Western side 35 m and Eastern side 42 m, with four towers. The rock on which the fortress was built was 50 cubits high (22-31 m). The height of the fortress itself was 40 cubits (18-25 m.) and it had 4 towers, one in each corner. The height of three of the towers was 50 cubits and the fourth tower was 70 cubits: "Now, as to the tower of Antonia, it was situated at the corner of two cloisters of the court of the temple; of that on the west, and that on the north; it was erected upon a rock, of fifty cubits in height, and was on a great precipice; it was the work of king Herod, wherein he demonstrated his natural magnanimity. (239) In the first place, the rock itself was covered over with smooth pieces of stone, from its foundation, both for ornament, and that anyone who would either try to get up or to go down it, might not be able to hold his feet upon it. (240) Next to this, and before you come to the edifice of the tower itself, there was a wall three cubits high; but within that wall all the space of the tower of Antonia itself was built upon, to the height, of forty cubits. (241) The inward parts had the largeness and form of a palace, it being parted into all kinds of rooms and other conveniences, such as courts, and places for bathing, and broad spaces for camps; insomuch that, by having all conveniences that cities wanted, it might seem to be composed of several cities, but by its magnificence, it seemed a palace; (242) and as the entire structure resembled that of a tower, it contained also four other distinct towers at its four corners; whereof the others were but fifty cubits high; whereas that which lay upon the southeast corner was seventy cubits high, that from thence the whole temple might be viewed; (243) but on the corner where it joined to the two cloisters of the temple, it had passages down to them both, through which the guard (244) (for there always lay in this tower a Roman legion) went several ways among the cloisters, with their arms, on the Jewish festivals, in order to watch the people, that they might not there attempt to make any **innovations;** (245) for the temple was a fortress that guarded the city, as was the tower of Antonia a guard to the temple; and in that tower were the guards of those three. There was also a peculiar fortress belonging to the upper city, which was Herod's palace; (246) but for the hill Bezetha, it was divided from the tower of Antonia, as we have already told you; and as that hill on

which the tower of Antonia stood, was the highest of these three, so did it adjoin to the new city, and was the only place that hindered the sight of the temple on the north. (247) And this shall suffice at present to have spoken about the city and the walls about it, because I have proposed to myself to make a more accurate description of it elsewhere." (Josephus, Wars 5.238-247)



and the 'Antiquities of the Jews'. Josephus was a Pharisee, who later joined the zealots that rebelled against Rome; he lived through the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70!!! Captured, he was made Jewish affairs advisor to Rome. Josephus writes of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Herodians, Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, "Jesus Christ" (twice) and James, His brother! The 1560 Edition of the Geneva Bible used "Iesvs" ("I" became "J" in the 1600's), before the early 1611 KJV's first used "Yahshua" for the Hebrew word YHWH (or Messiah), sometimes pronounced, "Yehoshua" or "Yahweh". The Apostle Paul used "Iesus" (or Jesus) for the Son of God's Name; and we will too!!!

Let's begin our Study today in John 18:28-32. Here we see the Jewish High Priest and his servants, delivering Jesus to Pontus Pilate, the Roman Governor. The crowd is seeking Christ's execution at the hand of the Romans, but let's be specific here (John 18:31).

# **Killing Christ:**

Was it unlawful for the Jews of that time to put a man to death, or to execute a criminal (John 8:1-11)? Jesus confirmed that the Scribes and the Pharisees did in fact have the lawful ability to stone a law breaker (or a criminal); but Jesus convicted them of their own sins, and instead they all departed without executing the woman, whom they were "legally" permitted to kill by stoning!

Now notice John 8:54-59. Later that same day, still in the temple, Jesus Calls Himself "I AM" (Exodus 3:13-15). Once again, we see the Jews who know they can legally stone or execute a person for certain offenses, attempting to kill Jesus for the crime of "Blasphemy" or claiming to be God!!! www.onug.us

So what could John 18:31 mean, when the High Priest tells Pilate that the Jews cannot "put any man to death"? The answer is in John 18:32 (See also: Matthew 26:2 / Psalms 22:16 / Zechariah 12:10, 13:6 / Isaiah 49:16).

The Jews were legally permitted under Moses to stone a person to death; but could NOT crucify a person (or use a cruel Roman torture technique which slowly resulted in death)!

In John 10:25-36 we see the Jews, yet again, trying to stone Christ for the crime of "Blasphemy" or for saying that "He and The Father are One!"

We also see that Christ's sheep KNOW that they (Christ's Disciples) we will one day become "GODS" even as Christ and our Heavenly Father are now GODS (Psalm 82:6-8 / Daniel 12:2-3 / 1 John 3:1-3)!!! www.onug.us

The High Priest and the Temple Leaders wanted to kill Jesus for BLASPHEMY; or saying and teaching that He was God; and that one day WE ALSO SHALL BE GODS!!! But they did not just want

to stone Him; they wanted to CRUCIFY Him; and that was something they needed the Romans to do in their stead!!!

But how do you motivate and convince a Roman Governor to civilly execute a dangerous criminal; when in fact "the suspect" (Jesus), which according to a Roman perspective, would only have broken some silly Jewish religious laws (something a Roman Soldier would care NOTHING about)?

The Romans were NOT the Jews' lap dogs! So the challenge becomes, "How to OFFEND the Roman Civil Authorities in addition to the Jewish Religious Authorities"?

## The Charges:

Jewish: Blasphemy – Jesus saying He was God, Jesus saying that He was one with God; and that His Followers would also become Gods! Penalty: Death by stoning – authorized by Moses (Leviticus 24:11-16/ Acts 7:52-60)! www.onug.us

**Roman: No Charges so far** ("take him and judge him according to your law!" John 18:31)!

Every good story has a villain, and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is no exception! Although the Romans were the ones who actually carried out Jesus Christ's death sentence; it was Joseph Caiaphas (the Jewish High Priest) and the Sanhedrin (meaning "sitting together" – or the council of elders in the temple) that was most responsible for the execution of Christ (Matthew 26:57-68)!!! The Sanhedrin would have, and could have, stoned Jesus to death for blasphemy, but because they feared the people (Mark 12:12 / Luke 20:19, 22:1-2), and because they did not want to defile themselves before Passover (Numbers 19:11 / John 18:28); they used their political shrewdness to masterfully get the Romans to execute Him instead!

Initially accusing Jesus of Blasphemy; they then haul Him off to the Romans, now charging Him with "Sedition against Rome"!!!

# How To Earn A Roman Death Penalty On A Cross: www.onug.us

According to surviving historical record texts of Ancient Roman civilization, Crucifixion on a cross was one of, if not the most horrible, forms of Roman execution; one reserved only for "non-Roman" citizens, and for those who committed one of three crimes:

- 1) Attempted escape from slavery
- 2) Brigandage or Piracy (to Raid or to Plunder)
- 3) Sedition against the Roman Empire (Rebels) www.onug.us

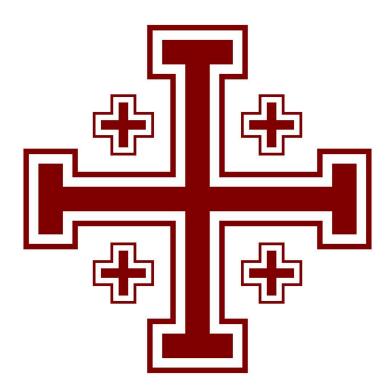


Luke 23:32-43. A "Malefactor" is a person who commits a crime; the Greek words "duo kakourgoi" are used here (meaning "two malefactors"). But what crime did the men on the cross commit? It is VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE HERE, that ONLY ONE of the Malefactors railed against Christ (verse 39); the other rebuked the first (verse 40)!

The Greek word "kleptes" (where we get our word: "kleptomaniac", or someone who cannot refer the urge to steal) refers to a common thief; but in Matthew 27:38, 41-44; here we see TWO THIEVES and BOTH of them (verse 44) "cast the same (accusations) in His teeth!" THIS IS EXTREMELY OUT OF CHARACTER for someone who is going to rebuke one of Christ's accusers! Notice a "thief" is NOT a "malefactor" either!!!

Now let's read, Mark 15:27-28, 32 accounts, the "thieves" (poor translation) the Greek word "lestes" is used ("duo lestai" meaning "two who plunder"). This is the same word Matthew's account uses; AND WE SEE AGAIN THAT "THEY" (PLURAL) WHO WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM "REVILED HIM" (verse 32)!!! Again, this is not the character of one we expect to rebuke Jesus' accusers and NOT the type of man Jesus would make a startling promise to (Luke 23:43)! You see, this PROMISE was made to a Malefactor and NOT to a Thief (of which the Bible says we have "TWO" of being crucified with Christ! Some also incorrectly teach that the other men were only tied to the cross; while Jesus was nailed to the cross. This is not the same as being crucified with Christ – and the Bible says "they were crucified with Him" and that they (plural) "reviled Him" (Mark 15:32)! www.onug.us

The Bible does not give us specific information on the exact nature of these men's crimes; but in order for them to be sentenced to death on the cross, their crimes had to be "severe" and NOT just common or petty theft! Those men sentenced to die with Jesus on the cross, were probably part of a rebel group, opposing Roman Rule; or they were Raiders or Plunderers of Roman interests throughout the land! There were TWO Malefactors (Terrorist Rebels - in ideology) and TWO Thieves (Raiders or Plunderers – in act or deed) on the cross with Jesus; FOR A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) men on a cross on that day!!!



## This is called a Jerusalem Cross! How Many Crosses Do YOU Count? Are YOU Sure? www.onug.us

Just as human tradition has led us to believe, incorrectly, that three wise men came to see Jesus when He was born (See our Feast of Trumpets Bible Study for much more on this); we have also been led to believe that Jesus was crucified in between two thieves! **This IS NOT SO!!!** 

A Key verse to compliment Luke 23:32-43 / Matthew 27:28, 41-44 / Mark 15:27-28, 32 **is John 19:17-18!!!** 

There is one small word in verse 18 which should catch our attention: "midst"!!! This word is key to understanding because, grammatically, one cannot be crucified in the midst of two! Always, with the use of the word "midst"; THE COUNT OF 4, 6, or 8 ARE ALWAYS INDICATED!!! When a person is situated with **one** on either side, that person is BETWEEN and not in the "midst"! A PERSON IS BETWEEN TWO, BUT IN THE MIDST OF FOUR!!! It is NOT hard to understand, if we can FORGET what we were taught in our churches, and instead replace it with God's TRUTH (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Isaiah 28:9-10 / 2 Timothy 2:15)!!!

Let's take a look now at the Interlinear Greek-English New Testament. This is a translation of the Stevens Greek Text, from which the King James Version was translated:

## "John 19: 18 -- where him they crucified, and with him, others two on this side and on that side [one], and in the middle Jesus."

There is a corresponding Greek word above every English word except the word "one" inside brackets. This is to indicate that the translators added the word "one" and it does NOT appear in the original text!!! Now go back to the verse, and re-read the verse – this time WITHOUT the word "ONE".

## "Where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side, and Jesus in the midst" (T-M-J-M-T)!!! (John 19:18). Remember: 4, 6, or 8 are always indicated!!!

There were two on one side of Jesus Christ, and two on the other side of Jesus Christ! Two plus two equals four!!! Now let's study this point a little further so we are absolutely clear on how and why this happened...

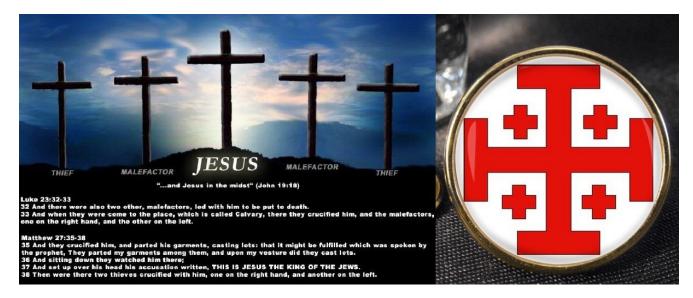
The word "one" NEVER appeared in any Critical Greek texts; so why is it in the King James Version? Because by 1611 the Western world had become so indoctrinated by pictures showing Jesus Christ on the center cross with one evil doer on each side of Him; that when they were translating this particular verse in John, THEY INSERTED THE WORD "ONE" to agree with established traditional beliefs (Revelation 22:18-19)!!!

# TRUTH needs NO Defense! www.onug.us

By now, you should be completely convinced that Jesus Christ was crucified in the midst of **FOUR**, and **NOT TWO!!! Only one** 

## of the four repented and defended Jesus!!! Can YOU See It (Matthew 13:11-16)? www.onug.us

John 19:32-33 "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which [who] was crucified with Him. But when they came [having come] to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs:"



Do you see the simplicity of this example? If we believe what tradition teaches us, the soldiers would have to have broken the legs of the first miscalled thief, THEN THEY MUST HAVE GONE AROUND JESUS, then they broke the legs of the second miscalled thief. Then the soldiers came back to Jesus, and said to themselves, "He is dead already" so they did not break his legs. This scenario is not only illogical, it is senseless. The Word of God clearly states that they broke the legs of the first and of the other which was crucified with Jesus and THEN they came to Jesus. Is that so hard to understand? It depends whether we want to believe the rightly divided Word of God or the traditions of men. Which one do you want to believe? Now from this point on; whenever you see a "Jerusalem Cross" (5 crosses) YOU will UNDERSTAND!!! www.onug.us

As the soldiers progressed in the row, they came to Jesus in the third place and found him already dead (John 19:32-36). In

actuality, according to God's Word, the two malefactors were nearest to Christ, one on each side. The two thieves were one removed from Jesus the farthest away, one on each side. Now let's go over this one more time. The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first robber (Plunderer or Raider). Then they came to the malefactor (Terrorist Rebel) and they broke his legs. Then they came to Jesus and they saw that he was dead already. The soldiers then continued along the line!!! Praise God; The Word of God fits like a hand in a glove with a mathematical precision and scientific exactness!!!

Finally, let's go back and study John 19: 32-33 in light of what we've learned from our research of literal words translated in God's Holy Scripture:

"Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first [duo lestai - a robber, Raider, Plunderer], and of the other [duo kakourgoi - a malefactor, Terrorist Rebel], which [who] was crucified with him. But when they came [having come] to Jesus [in progression], and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:"

This Revealed TRUTH should stay in your heart from this point forward! Let the Sign of Three Crosses be just another indicator that those who display them, need to spend a lot more time reading and researching their Bibles! Remember, God is perfect, so His Word must also be perfect!!! Now you know that there were clearly four (4) crucified with Jesus Christ because that's what the Word of God teaches! Amen!!! Thank You LORD!!!

Christians often claim that Jesus' message was not in any way political and that Jesus was not a political Messiah, sticking to the gospel line that the wicked Jewish leaders forced a weak and reluctant Pilate into executing Jesus for sedition when he was totally innocent of this charge. But the message Jesus preached did have a political dimension! Jesus taught that God was soon going to intervene in this world, sweep away the enemies of Israel, judge the living and the dead, and restore this world to its past perfection; Ruling it through his Anointed One, and His Priests!!! www.onug.us

Pilate and the Romans had little desire or no interest in the theology behind Jesus' apocalyptic preaching; but they KNEW it involved the overthrow of Roman Rule!!! And that was enough to get someone preaching that theology CRUCIFIED along with Raiders / Plunders, and Terrorist Rebels!!! Especially if He was accused of doing so, in Jerusalem, at the height of the Passover! The threat was that He might start riots in the Temple; and that my friends, was enough to justify the Death Sentence on A Cross!!!

# The Charges:

Jewish: Blasphemy – Jesus saying He was God, Jesus saying that He was one with God; and that His Followers would also become Gods! Penalty: Death by stoning – authorized by Moses (Leviticus 24:11-16/ Acts 7:52-60)!

Roman: Sedition Against The Roman Empire – Jesus claiming to be a King!!! Penalty: Crucifixion on a cross!!!

The Jews took Jesus to Pilate and accuse Him of trying to overthrow Cesar (Luke 23:1-3 / Mark 15:2-4 / Matthew 27:11-14). We see Pilate initially somewhat reluctant to charge Jesus (Matthew 27:18-25 / John 18:33-38 / Mark 15:10). Pilate clearly already knew who Jesus was, and no doubt knew that he was popular; he originally seems to have indicated that it wasn't even worth his getting involved in such theological matters; however, the Pharisees reveal that they wanted Jesus to be crucified all along (John 18:31)!!! www.onug.us

#### Now YOU Know The Charges:

Jesus Christ was delivered to be crucified for **Blasphemy** Against God; and Jesus Christ was Crucified by the Romans for Sedition Against Rome!!!

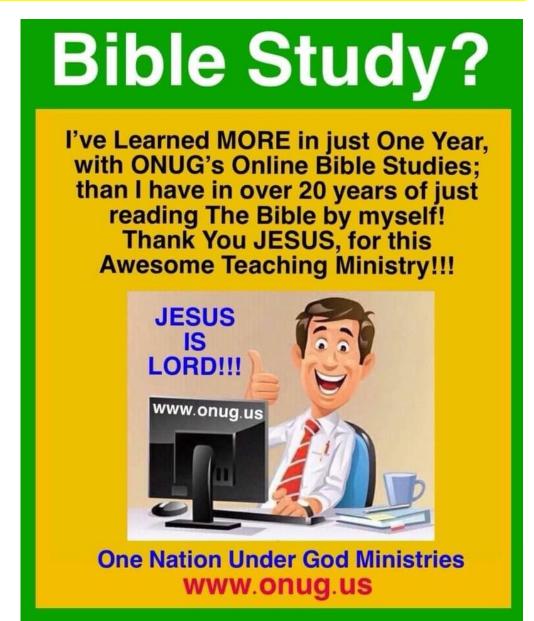
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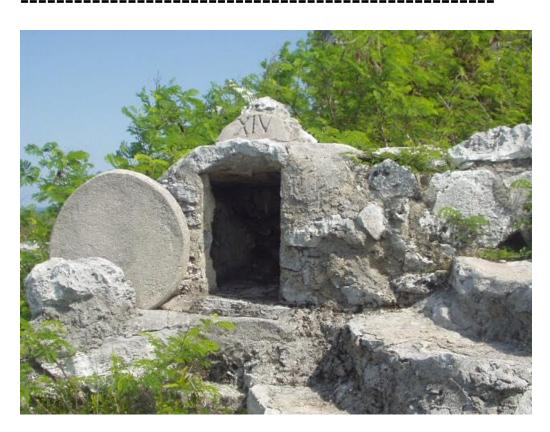
Jesus was one of five men that died on Golgotha that Passover afternoon, Wednesday, the 14th day of Aviv; which was 1990 years ago, this past Friday, 19 April 2019 (2019+4=2023-33 years=1990)!!!

See our Passover Bible Study series for much more on time calculations for the actual date of Christ's death!

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#### Did YOU Miss The THREE IMPORTANT WORDS "About" The Resurrection?

And I DO NOT mean, "He Is Risen!!!", as Amazing as Christ's Conquering of Death Was!!! Those three words ARE the Resurrection!!! I mean the three OTHER words, uttered by God's Angel; that speak specifically ABOUT the Resurrection!!! www.onug.us

Let's investigate Matthew, Chapter 28 in the KJV and see if you can SEE them:

"1 In the end of The Sabbath (Saturday afternoon - before sunset), as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week (Sunday night comes Biblically BEFORE Sunday morning; at sunset, AFTER the sun sets on Saturday. In other words it was Late Saturday afternoon, when...), came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake (the earthquake happened Saturday afternoon): for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven (on Saturday afternoon), and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it (all this happened on Saturday afternoon). 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men (the soldiers played opossum on Saturday afternoon). 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay (Yes, the angel is telling the women to look into an EMPTY tomb on Saturday, late afternoon). 7 And go guickly, and tell His Disciples that He is Risen from the dead (on Saturday, late afternoon); and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee (on Saturday, late afternoon); there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you. 8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run (on Saturday, late afternoon) to bring His Disciples word!!!" (Matthew 28:1-8 in the KJV). www.onug.us

Let's go back to Matthew 28:6 and read the Three SUPER IMPORTANT WORDS again, ABOUT Christ's Resurrection, in case YOU missed them:

# "As He Said!!!"

These Three important Words have been neglected by MOST churches for the last **437 years;** and even now, MOST christians will misunderstand, and miss out on them too!!! But today, after reading this; the term "ignorant masses" no longer has to include YOU!!! www.onug.us

#### What Day is Resurrection Day? It is NOT Easter!!!

Was this past **Monday 22 April 2019**, the day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **at 5:53 pm** (two hours before sunset)? **Yes it was!** But you won't hear this in mainstream churches. That time came and went without so much as a notice from the 2 Billion people who call themselves Christians in the world today!!!

Humans are now so enlightened that they have "discovered" God's sun, which has Scripturally set at the twelfth hour of the day (what we would call 6:00 pm) for the last 6,000 years; now is somehow, scientifically calibrated to set **at 7:53 pm**, at this time of year! What nonsense!!!

"For the Wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold The Truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them!!! For the invisible things of Him from the Creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His Eternal Power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse!!! Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became VAIN in their imaginations, and their Foolish Heart was Darkened!!! Professing themselves to be wise, they became FOOLS!!!" (Romans 1:18-22).

"Who changed The Truth of God into a LIE, and worshipped and served the creature more than The Creator, who is Blessed For Ever!!! Amen!" (Romans 1:25).

#### TRUTH or Tradition (John 17:17)?

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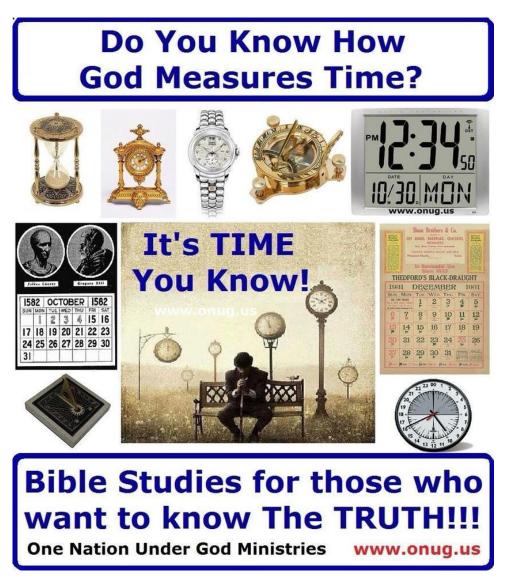
Did YOU follow popular, but Scripturally baseless, human and Catholic Church tradition this year; Did YOU celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, on Easter Sunday morning, **22 April 2019**, at sunrise?

"Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 'Why do Thy Disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?' (Matthew 15:1-2).

# "But He Answered and Said unto them, 'Why do YE also Transgress The Commandment of God by your TRADITION?" (Matthew 15:3). www.onug.us

Most people in the world today (Matthew 7:13-14) have stopped keeping time The Way God, as their Creator, Ordains and Commands them to (Genesis 1:14-19 / Leviticus 23:1-44 / Isaiah 66:23-24 / Zechariah 14:16-19)!!!

Read our excellent Bible Study, "Do You Know How God Measures Time?" at www.onug.us for some great Scriptural Truths about what the Inventor of Time has to say on the subject!!!



The Bible tells us ONLY God is authorized to change the seasons (or can state when a new year begins at Spring, at the first visible sliver of the new moon)!!!



"And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth Wisdom unto the wise, and Knowledge to them that know Understanding!!!" (Daniel 2:21). "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith The LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to Worship before Me, saith the LORD!!!" (Isaiah 66:22-23).

The Unchanging God (Malachi 3:6) and the Unchanging Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8) are BOTH VERY PARTICULAR about NOT changing their Holy Days, or adding pagan practices to them (Deuteronomy 12:1-4,28-32 / Jeremiah 10:1-16)!!! God's Holy Days Teach Us The Yet Future Plan of God, if we keep them correctly; as Meat in Due Season (Colossians 2:16-17)!!! www.onug.us

## **Don't Settle For Imitation Meat!**

That is WHY the Apostle Paul Warned us NOT to let pagans judge or criticize The TRUE Followers of Christ, for Keeping God's Law and Holy Days!!! Only The Church of God or The Body of Christ (who is defined by keeping God's Sabbaths and Holy Days - see Exodus 31:12-18), can righteously Judge or chastise YOU for NOT Copying Christ "The Way" Jesus and His Apostles Taught us to!!! www.onug.us

"Let no (pagan) man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink (Leviticus 11 / Deuteronomy 14), or in respect of an Holy Day (Leviticus 23:1-44), or of the new moon (Isaiah 66:23), or of the Sabbath Days (Hebrew 4:1-11): Which are a Shadow of Things To Come; but (or except for) The Body (or Church) of Christ!!!" (Colossians 2:16-17) www.onug.us

Churches today Profane the above Scripture, twisting it to their own destruction, to justify their Ungodly departure from The Perfect Law of Liberty! "But whoso looketh into The Perfect Law of Liberty, and Continueth Therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of The Work, this man shall be Blessed in his deed!!!" (James 1:25).

"Take My Yoke upon you, and LEARN of Me; for I am Meek and Lowly in Heart: and ye shall find Rest (Sabbath) unto your souls (bodies)!!!" (Matthew 11:29).

Rather than Copying Christ and His Disciples in what Jesus DID, SAID, and TAUGHT, most churches today have instead, as The Prophet Daniel warned us would happen; they have allowed FALSE religious leaders to change God's Laws and God's Calendar (Daniel 7:25), into what we have today (the Gregorian calendar, instituted by Catholic pope Gregory XIII on October 5, 1582 A.D.)!!! www.onug.us

When the Catholic church abolished God's Eternal Holy Days, only 437 years ago; and then instituted a "modern" christianized version of the same "holidays" God punished Solomon for keeping: Ashtoreth (Easter) and Molech (Christmas); her Protestant sister churches soon copied her in open rebellion against The Most High God and His Ways!!! www.onug.us

Today, just a few centuries later, the ignorant masses at churches around the world, think that the Sunday Pagan Sunrise Rite of Ashtoreth (Easter), is the resurrection day of Christ, but it isn't (Deuteronomy 12:1-4,28-32 / 1 Kings 11:1-11); and God still Thunders out a Warning in Scripture to those foolish enough to think that it is; or that an ancient pagan rite is ever acceptable to be used for the Worship of A Holy and A Righteous Creator God (John 4:22-26)!!! www.onug.us

Prove your Truth (Isaiah 28:9-10 / 1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Galatians 1:8-9 / 1 John 2:3-6 / Luke 6:46)!!!

#### CHRIST WAS crucified on His Passover (always Kept at sundown to sundown, beginning on the 14th day of the new moon of Spring - Leviticus 23:1-8); NOT on the Jewish

### Passover (incorrectly kept on the 15th day of the month); and NOT on Good Friday (TWO days before Easter)!!! www.onug.us

Passover in the year **2019**, was Correctly Kept this past **Thursday**, at sundown on **18 April 2019** - wherever you were on God's Green EARTH!!!

During the daytime portion of Passover, **Friday**, **19 April 2019**, was when Christ dragged His Cross through the streets to the Place of the skull; where Christ died three hours before sunset! **Friday** was the Crucifixion day, this year in **2019** A.D.; BUT KNOW that in **2017**, it was on a **Monday**.

Stop observing Good Friday; it is an evil LIE that hides God's TRUE Holy Days from YOU (Leviticus 23:1-44)!!!

By about 4pm, or two hours before sunset Christ's body was placed in His Tomb. In the year of His Death, The Lord's Passover or time and date of His death, was 3pm on a Wednesday - the next day being a Thursday, and The First Day of Unleavened Bread!

"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on The Sabbath Day, (for That Sabbath Day was an HIGH DAY - or one of the annual Holy Days) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away (or buried before sunset)" (John 19:31).

The ignorant think the next day, or the High Day, was the weekly Sabbath Day, because they no longer observe God's True Holy Days! "The next day", is Biblically proven to be a Thursday, and also The First Day of Unleavened Bread! But That Truth, God's Truth, will really mess up your pagan sunrise traditions; and so the churches of today will no longer teach God's Way to their members!!! www.onug.us This past **Friday**, **19 April 2019**, was the daytime portion of Passover. Christ was betrayed the previous night **(Thursday, 18 April 2019 after sunset and after dinner)**, and spent that night being harassed and beaten, after He was arrested in the garden.

On this past **Friday**, **19 April 2019**, was Jesus scourged (flesh ripped off His body) and then condemned to die on the cross as a traitor to Rome! **www.onug.us** 

Many in God's Church gathered at Noon this past **Friday**, **19 April 2019**, to eat lunch and go over a brief Bible Study about the events leading up to the Crucifixion. Then they watched the Passion of The Christ movie. We always try to time the movie so that Christ dies on the cross at the 9th hour (or 3 hours before sunset) which ungodly men calculated sunset to be at **7:53 pm**, this year. Remember, Biblically, sunset was always 6pm or at the 12th hour of the day!!! www.onug.us

#### Do you measure time as a Roman or as a Christian? Most can't tell the difference!!!

You should realize that this past **Friday**, **19 April 2019** of this year, at **5:53 pm**; was the actual day and time of Jesus Christ's Crucifixion on the cross (14 Aviv - Leviticus 23:1-8). That would make His Resurrection anniversary, this past **Monday**, **22 April 2019**, just before sunset (Matthew 28:1-15).

Good Friday and Easter are not just pagan traditions; they are LIES about God and His Plan too!!! www.onug.us

#### The Sign of Jonah:

"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from Thee. But He answered and said unto them, 'An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a Sign; and there shall no Sign be given to it, but the Sign of the prophet Jonas!!! For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth!!! The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a Greater than Jonas is here!!!" (Matthew 12:38-41).

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The Only Way that Jesus could fulfill Matthew 28, as we explained above (late Saturday / Sabbath Resurrection), and The ONLY Way Jesus Said He Would PROVE He was Our Savior; was that Jesus Christ would spend THREE FULL NIGHTS and THREE FULL DAYS in His tomb; just as Jonah spent three full nights and three full days inside a fish's belly!!!

You CANNOT have a Friday crucifixion and death at 3 pm, and a Sunday morning sunrise resurrection! That is only 2 nights and a day in the grave! **That would disqualify Christ as our Savior!!! www.onug.us** 

Christ was Crucified and Died on His Cross, on Passover Day at 3 pm (3 hours before sunset), which fell on a Wednesday in the year He was Slain!!! God's Holy Days are like clockwork; we can prove that the Passion of the Christ happened on a Wednesday, and AFTER 3 Full Days and 3 Full Nights in the grave; Christ was Resurrected on Saturday afternoon, before sunset; QUALIFYING Scripturally, "AS HE SAID!!!", To Be Our Risen Savior!!! Praise God!!!

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Now YOU KNOW the Catholic Church is the one who promoted 3 crosses, to reinforce "their" un-Biblical pagan concept of a Trinity (Revelation 22:1-5).

Now YOU KNOW that Pontius Pilate condemned 5 men to die on a Wednesday Passover, in 31 A.D.!!!

Now YOU KNOW what crimes a person needed to commit before they could die on a Roman cross. SAVIOR and THIEF Do NOT Qualify!!!

Now YOU KNOW the difference between WHY the Jews wanted Christ to die; and WHY the Romans sentenced Him to die for a DIFFERENT crime – BOTH of which, Jesus was innocent of committing!!!

Now YOU KNOW the 3 Biblical Reasons Christ Died!

Now YOU KNOW what day Jesus Actually died on!

Now YOU KNOW when Christ rose from His Tomb!

Now YOU KNOW how long Christ spent in the grave, and what Paradise really is!

We hope this Bible Study will make YOU PROVE or re-PROVE all the things you think you know about God, Jesus, and The Coming Kingdom of God – for God The Father's Exceeding Great GLORY!!!

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Roman Year	Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Pentecost	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Tabernacles	The Eighth Day
2013	March 25	March 26-April 1	May 19	Sept. 5	Sept. 14	Sept. 19-25	Sept. 26
2014	April 14	April 15-21	June 8	Sept. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	April 3	April 4-10	May 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Oct. 5
2016	April 22	April 23-29	June 12	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	April 10	April 11-17	June 4	Sept. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	March 30	March 31-April 6	May 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19	Sept. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	April 19	April 20-26	June 9	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21
2020	April 8	April 9-15	May 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10
2021	March 27	March 28-April 3	May 16	Sept. 7	Sept. 16	Sept. 21-27	Sept. 28
2022	April 15	April 16-22	June 5	Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 10-16	Oct. 17
2023	April 5	April 6-12	May 28	Sept. 16	Sept. 25	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Oct. 7
2024	April 22	April 23-29	June 16	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2025	April 12	April 13-19	June 1	Sept. 23	Oct. 2	Oct. 7-13	Oct. 14
2026	April 1	April 2-8	May 24	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Oct. 3

"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:26-30).

Christians must learn to read the Bible, interpret the scriptures according to Biblical principles (Isaiah 28:10, 13), and begin to apply the precepts they learn in their walk with God. Individual study is essential; coupled with fellowship times of group study, worship, and discussions of personal insights and observations.

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