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### THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS THE CHRIST

#### WHAT IS **CRUCIFIXION**?

A CRUEL AND EXTREMELY PAINFUL METHOD OF EXECUTION USED BY THE ROMANS, BUT DATING IN USE AS FAR BACK AS THE 6TH CENTURY BC, AND CARRIED ON AS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BY ROME UP TO THE 4TH CENTURY AD.

**JESUS CHRIST** WAS THE MOST FAMOUS VICTIM OF **DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION**.

**CRUCIFIXION** WAS A SLOW DEATH. FIRST, A NEAR DEATH SCOURGING. MORE BEATINGS, CROWNING WITH THORNS, PLUCKING OF THE BEARD. THEN BEING FORCED TO CARRY THE CROSS UPON THE BACK AFTER IT WAS TORN OPEN BY FLAGELLATION, ADDING TO THE PAIN OF THE OPEN WOUNDS. THEN NAILING OF WRISTS AND ANKLES TO A HUGE 300 POUND WOODEN CROSS. **EXCRUCIATING**, EVER GROWING PAIN AS THE STRENGTH OF THE VICTIM WAINED AND THE BODY SAGGED ON THE **CROSS**. A PULLING TEARING ON THE SPIKED WRISTS AND A PUSHING TEARING ON HIS SPIKED ANKLES. THE GNAWING THIRST AS ALL OF THE BLOOD AND FLUIDS DRAINED OUT OF THE BODY. AND SUFFOCATION.

HANGING NUDE AND VULNERABLE, BLOODY FROM HEAD TO TOE, THERE ON **THE CROSS**; AS ROMAN SOLDIERS GAMBLED FOR THE BLOODY ROBE.

THE TORTURE WAS CONTINUED ON BY THE BREAKING OF THE LEGS WITH AN IRON CLUB. (BUT **JESUS CHRIST WAS ALREADY DEAD**. FOR PROPHECY FORETOLD THAT NOT A BONE OF HIS, SHOULD BE BROKEN, ON THIS **PASSOVER LAMB OF GOD BEING SACRIFICED**).

EXODUS 12:46—JOHN 19:33-34.

ROMAN GUARDS WERE ON DUTY TILL THE CRUCIFIED VICTIM DIED, SO IT WAS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE TO HASTEN DEATH BY USE OF THEIR SPEAR TO INFLECT ADDITIONAL WOUNDS, TO THE HEART AND CHEST SO THE REST OF THE

VICTIMS BLOOD AND WATER WOULD BE DRAINED OUT.

THE JEWISH RULERS, THEMSELVES, COULD NOT **CRUCIFY JESUS CHRIST**; BECAUSE ROME EXERCISED THE POWER OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

THEREFORE THEY HAD TO INVOLVE ROME TO CARRY OUT THE CRIME OF **THE CRUCIFIXION OF THEIR KING**.

THEY HAD TO TRY TO CONVINCE PILATE THAT HE WAS AN ENEMY OF ROME, AND THAT HE DESERVED **CRUCIFIXION**.

NEITHER PILATE, NOR HEROD OF GALILEE FOUND ANY FAULT IN HIM.

LET'S PICK UP ON THE HISTORICAL **CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS**, THE CHRIST: GO WITH ME TO MATTHEW 26:2

**JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "YOU KNOW THAT AFTER TWO DAYS COMES THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER, AND THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED TO BE CRUCIFIED."**

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT THE RELIGIOUS RULERS GATHERED AT THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST CAIAPHAS, TO PLOT OUT AND PLAN **HIS BETRAYAL AND DEATH**.

A WOMAN FOLLOWER OF **CHRIST** IN BETHANY, Poured AN ALABASTER BOX FULL OF EXPENSIVE OIL OF MYRRH **OVER HIS HEAD** IN PREPARATION FOR, AND A SIGN OF **HIS** COMING DEATH AND BURIAL.

**JESUS** AND HIS DISCIPLES CELEBRATED **HIS** LAST SUPPER WITH THEM. FROM THERE JUDAS WENT TO THE HIGH PRIEST TO BETRAY **CHRIST** INTO HIS TREACHEROUS HANDS. FROM THERE **JESUS** GOES TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE TO PRAY CONCERNING HIS EMINENT **CRUCIFIXION**.

THERE JUDAS LED THE MOB, WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS OF THE JEWS. AND THERE IDENTIFIED **JESUS**

BY A KISS ON THE CHEEK.

BEATING **JESUS**, THEY MARCHED **HIM** TO THE PALACE OF CAIAPHAS, THE HIGH PRIEST, WHERE THE SCRIBES AND ELDERS ASSEMBLED IN JUDGMENT OF **THE CHRIST**.

THEY SOUGHT FOR FALSE WITNESSES WHO COULD ACCUSE **JESUS**, SO THEY COULD CONDEMN **HIM** TO DEATH.

THEN THEY SPIT IN **HIS** FACE AND BEAT **HIM** WITH THEIR FISTS. OTHERS SLAPPED **HIM** WITH THE PALM OF THEIR HANDS.

IN THE MORNING THEY BOUND **JESUS CHRIST** AND LEAD **HIM** TO PONTIUS PILATE WHO FLAT OUT ASKED **HIM**, ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?

**JESUS** THEN SPOKE ONLY TWO WORDS "**THOU SAYEST**"

(YOU'VE DESCRIBED **ME**). AND PILATE ADMIRER **CHRIST**, BECAUSE **HE** DID NOT ANSWER **HIS** JEWISH ACCUSERS.

AND PILATE WOULD HAVE RELEASED **JESUS**, BUT THE MOB, COMMANDED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS, SHOUTED FOR **HIS CRUCIFIXION**.

PILATE KNEW THAT IT WAS FOR ENVY THAT THE CHIEF PRIEST'S HAD DELIVERED **HIM** UP. —

(READ ALL OF MATT 27 FOR THE REST OF THE STORY).

