

Resurrection Sunday 2021



*Who do you  
say I am?*

*...testimonies of the Deity of Christ*

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# Caesarea Philippi

c.Autumn/Winter A.D. 31

**13** When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

**14** And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

**Matthew 16:13-14**

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15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

**Matthew 16:15**

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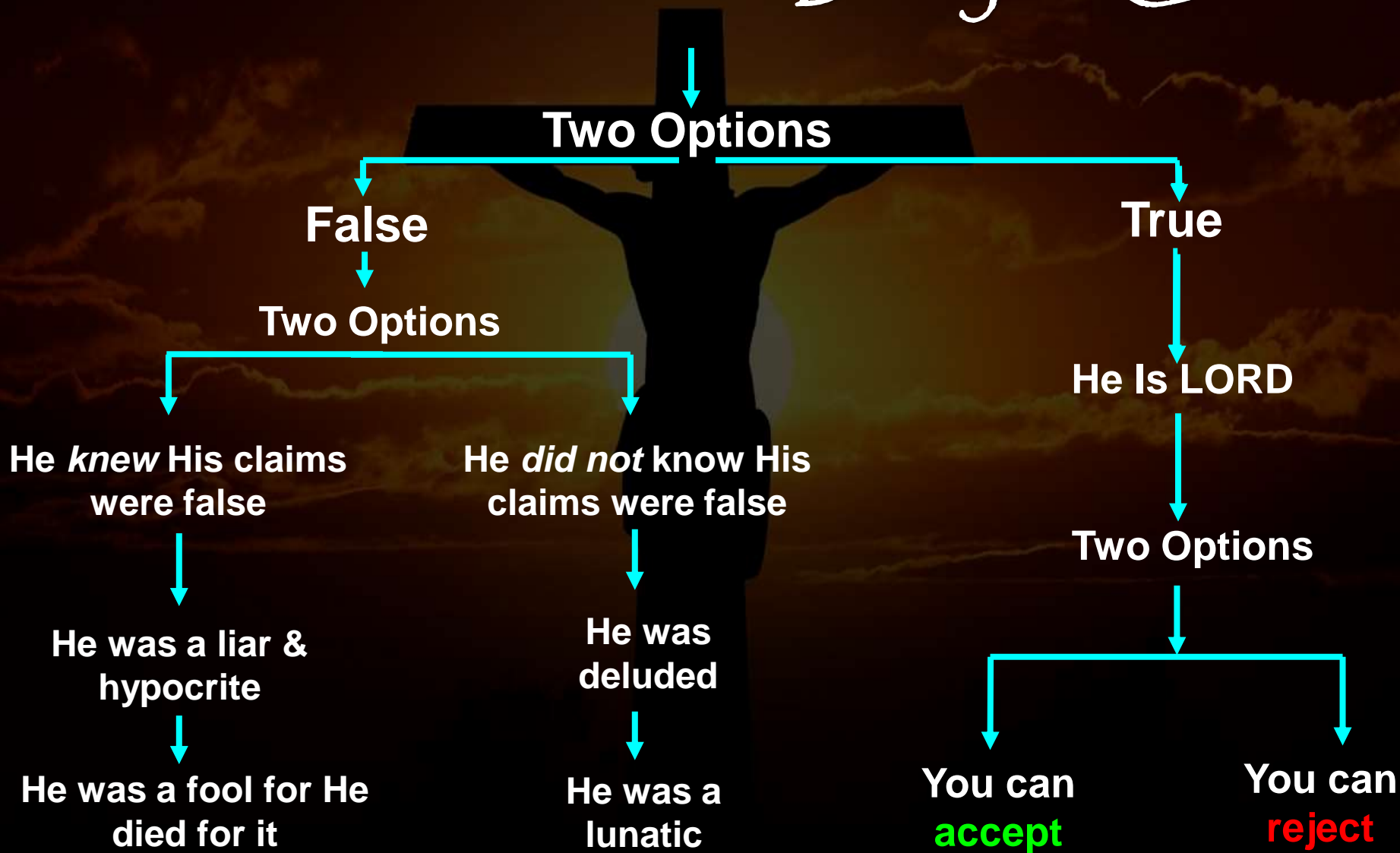
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# ...testimonies of the Deity of Christ

- C.S. Lewis famously said:
- *"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. . . . Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God".*

– (Mere Christianity, 55-56)

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# At Galilee...

22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

**Matt 17:22-23**

# At Gethsemane...

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

**Matt 26:53-54**



# Before Caiaphas...

57 And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

**Matt 26:57**

# Before Caiaphas...

60 ...At the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

**Matt 26:60-64**

# Before Caiaphas...

**63** But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

**64** Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

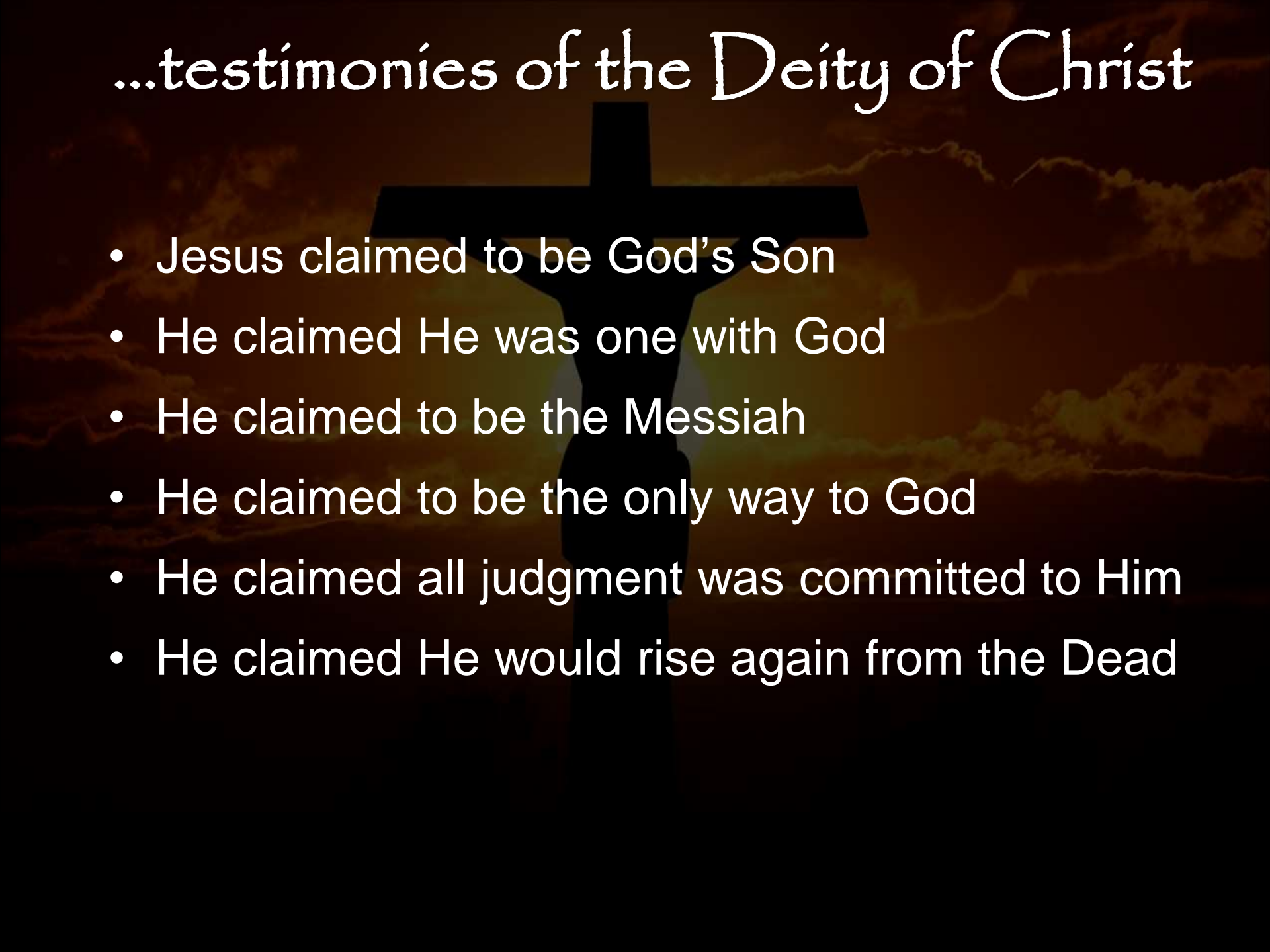
**Matt 26:57-64**

# Before the Jews...

**33** The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

**John 10:33**

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- Jesus claimed to be God's Son
  - He claimed He was one with God
  - He claimed to be the Messiah
  - He claimed to be the only way to God
  - He claimed all judgment was committed to Him
  - He claimed He would rise again from the Dead

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15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the *Christ, the Son of the living God...*

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

**Matthew 16:15-20**

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# The Disciples...

**19** Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

**20** And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

**John 20:19-20**



# The Disciples...

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

**John 20:24-26**

# The Disciples...

**26** And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

**27** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

**28** And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

**John 20:26-28**

# The Disciples...

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

**Acts 1:3**

# The Disciples...

- 21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
- 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

**Acts 1:21-22**

# The Disciples...

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses** of his majesty.

**2 Peter 1:16**

# The Disciples...

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

**1 John 1:1**

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*“As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidence for the events of the first Easter Day. To me the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the High Court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling. Inference follows on evidence, and a truthful witness is always artless and distains effect. The Gospel evidence for the resurrection is of this class, and as a lawyer I accept it unreservedly as the testimony of truthful men to facts they were able to substantiate”* – Sir Edward Clarke:

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51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

**Matthew 27:51**

- This occurs at 3pm, just as the evening sacrifice would be commencing in the Temple
- Many priests would have been officiating
  - Acts confirms that many priests came to faith
- The Talmud records an earthquake in Jerusalem c.40 years before the temple was destroyed,

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

**Matthew 27:52-53**

- It would be impossible to write and circulate this if it did not happen
- If false, this would simply be discredited!

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

**Matthew 27:54**

- It had been supernaturally dark on the earth for 3 hours

# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #1 Pilate had declared Jesus innocent!
  - In Luke's gospel, in an unprecedented move, Pilate says to the mob, ***"I have found in Him no guilt "*** (Lk 23:22)
  - As Pilate hands Jesus over to the centurion, instead of hearing the crimes committed against the state that justify the death sentence, he and his soldiers watch, according to Matthew's account, Pilate wash his hands in a ceremonial manner and say, ***"I am innocent of this Man's blood . . ."*** (Matt 27:24)
  - This must have gotten the centurion's attention. He was a soldier who had given his life to protect and uphold the law of the land, and his leader just announced that this 'criminal' he was about to crucify had never broken the law.

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- #2 Jesus' words to the women
  - En route to Calvary, the centurion & soldiers would hear Jesus make an unusual statement to the women weeping at the sight of this Jew being put to death by Romans.
  - Instead of acknowledging their sadness and sympathy Jesus warns them of their impending danger (Lk 23:28)
  - Jesus, beaten beyond recognition, on His way to die, shows compassion for other people who are also going to die.
  - This must have seemed odd to soldiers well worn by the crying of the condemned for mercy. Had they ever seen a condemned man care about anyone else on his way to an excruciating death? These soldiers would be struck by the fact that Christ showed no concern for Himself.

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- #3 Jesus' refusal to drink an anesthetic
  - History records the custom of the Daughters of Jerusalem to, out of compassion for the condemned, provide wine mixed with myrrh – a narcotic drink intended to ease the pain of the crucified victim.
  - Mark informs us that when Christ reached Calvary, He was offered this drink but . . . He did not take it. (Mark 15:23)
  - Why did He not take this drink? Christ had work to do on the cross; He had things to say and would not be in a stupor. He would face death without His senses dulled so that every word could be trusted; so that every final act could be recorded.

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- #4 Jesus' forgives those crucifying Him!
  - Luke records that Jesus said: *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves”*. (Luke 23:33b-34)
  - The context clearly points to the often-overlooked fact that Christ was not offering this prayer for the religious leaders who had come to mock Him. Jesus was praying for the soldiers.
  - The Sanhedrin knew what they were doing, but these soldiers did not – they were simply on duty this fateful day.

# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- Picture the scene:
  - The Savior's body was twisting in pain with each blow of the hammer and being jolted as it was raised upon the saddle, followed by further hammering through His feet...
  - Yet He prayed aloud, *"Father, forgive them . . . forgive them . . . they do not know what they are doing."*
  - Can you imagine any criminal these men had ever executed looking at them and offering prayers of forgiveness.
  - ...and Jesus keeps praying to the "Father".
  - Even the Romans would have known enough to know that no Jew ever called God his "Father".



# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- Picture the scene:
  - The centurion had listened as Pilate declared this Man innocent.
  - He had heard Christ warn a group of women that He was not in danger with God, but they were.
  - He had watched Christ refuse to drink the narcotic.
  - He then heard this Man offer forgiveness to his soldiers for what they were doing.
  - By now, the centurion must have been deeply wondering, “Just who is this Man?”

# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #5 Grace shown to the thief in the cross
  - One of the other two individuals being crucified that day cried out “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” (Luke 23:42)
  - There is no doubt the centurion had already mulled over the meaning of the words on the placard behind Jesus’ head that declared Christ’s only crime, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” (Matthew 27:37)
  - Now, this soldier hears one of the condemned cry out to Jesus in faith, in this moment while they both hang on the cross, asking that Jesus allow him to enter His kingdom!

# The Centurion...

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- #5 Grace shown to the thief in the cross
  - Surely this man on the centre cross will tell the criminal he has been misled and that this is all a myth. Surely He will say something like, “Do I look like a King?! Do I look like there’s a kingdom waiting for me?!”
  - Instead, the centurion and his soldiers must have been shocked to hear Jesus reply *“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”* (Luke 23:43)
  - In other words, “I am the King of the Jews. I am the Messiah. There is a kingdom belonging to Me. I will give you entrance!”
  - After these words, nature, in the grip of Creator God, lends its voice to this scene on Calvary...

# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #6 Darkness sweeps in and covers the land.
  - Matthew & Luke tell us that darkness blankets the earth at the 'sixth hour' and that it lasts until the ninth hour
  - The sixth hour is mid-day (noon) when the sun is at its zenith, it suddenly gets turned off like a light bulb.
    - Sources outside the Bible indicate that the darkness was actually global.
    - For example, in a letter from Pilate to Emperor Tiberius after these things he refers to the darkness from 12-3pm that he knew Tiberius had also experienced, even though Tiberius was in Rome and not in Israel at the time.
  - There is no doubt that the soldiers quickly started a fire in order to keep watch and that torches were lit as this supernatural darkness blotted out the sky for three hours.

# The Centurion...

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From this point forward, the tone of everything changes...

- The rabbis had taught for centuries that the darkening of the sun was a judgment from God
- There is no more mocking or jeering. Everyone senses that God's hand is somehow involved. The Centurion must have noticed the religious leaders now slip away.
- Luke tells us that after Jesus dies, the crowd that is still at this scene will return to Jerusalem weeping and in deep contrition (Luke 23:48). This was no longer the public spectacle the Jewish leaders were anticipating!
- During these three hours of darkness, Jesus makes more statements...

# The Centurion...

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- #7 Jesus cries out to God
  - Suddenly, out of the darkness, Jesus cries, “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*” (Mathew 27:46)
  - The centurion would have noticed that Jesus is not referring to God as His Father.
  - For the first time in scripture, Jesus does not address God as His Father.
  - There is no intimate communion at this point,
    - as Jesus takes upon Himself our transgressions (Is 53:5);
    - as Jesus who knew no sin becomes sin on our behalf (II Cor 5:21)
    - as Jesus becomes a curse for us (Gal 3:13);
    - as Jesus is delivered up because of our transgressions (Rom 4:25)
    - and as Jesus bears our sins in His body on the cross (I Pet 2:24).

# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #8 Jesus declaration of victory!
  - After 3 hrs of darkness Jesus cries out “tetelestai,” (“paid in full”). The gospel was being delivered in a word. Jesus did not cry out, “*I am finished,*” but “*It is finished!*”
  - Literally: “*It is finished and it always will be finished.*”
  - The Centurion must have thought ‘what a strange word for a dying man to cry’.
  - However, this is not strange for the Christian; this is the cry of the believer’s deliverance, the shout of their forgiveness, the declaration of their eternal justification.

# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #8 Jesus declaration of victory!
  - This is not the end of story; it is merely picking up speed!
  - Luke then includes this final word as Jesus says, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” . . . (Luke 23:46).
  - The Centurion hears Jesus reverting back to calling God “Father”.
  - Why did Jesus do this? Because it was finished!
  - In the darkness, on the cross Christ had paid the eternal sacrifice for our sins and now, no longer abandoned, Christ offers up His spirit to the care of His Father.



# The Centurion...

## 9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #9 The Great Earthquake

- As Christ bows His head in death, Mathew records that the earth began to shudder and shake so violently that rocks split apart (Matthew 27:51).
- Throughout the course of Jewish history, an earthquake was a sign of the presence of God. This was true even to a Gentile Roman soldier – he had seen enough.
- It is no wonder that the centurion stood at the cross and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (Matt 27:54)
- It all makes sense – the compassion, the dignity, the promise of a kingdom, the communication with God His Father, the darkness, the earthquake . . .

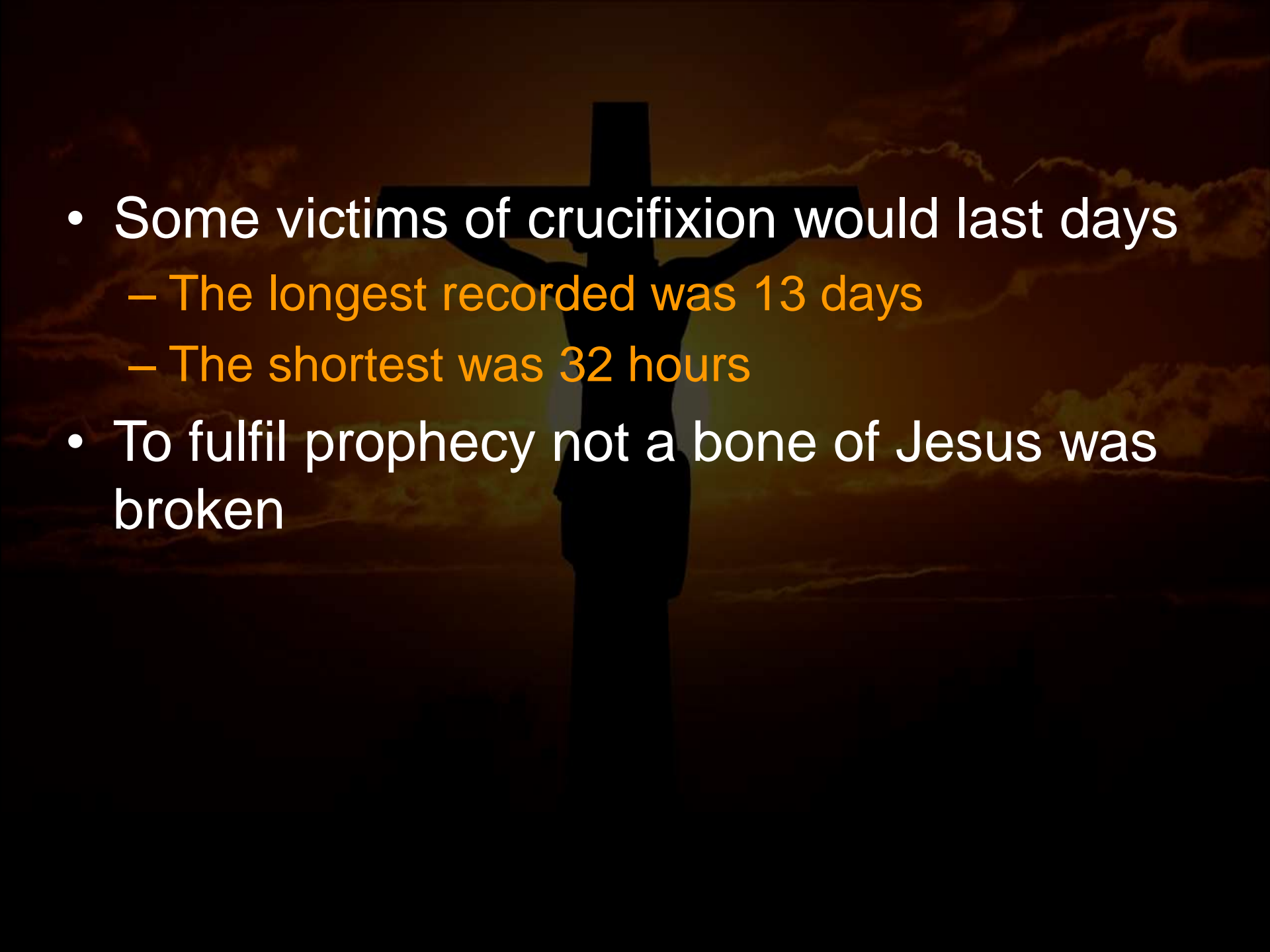
# The Centurion...

- A Roman soldier is the first Gentile convert after the death of Christ – a conversion at Calvary.
- From Luke's account, this centurion was not quiet about his conversion either. The text says, he began praising God . . . (Luke 23:47)
- The “Hallelujahs of the Cross” came first from the lips of a redeemed Centurion!
- He came to faith beneath the dead Saviour's cross.
- He believed that this dead Man was indeed the King with a coming kingdom – the Son of God!

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- A silhouette of a crucifixion is centered in the background against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- Some victims of crucifixion would last days
    - The longest recorded was 13 days
    - The shortest was 32 hours
  - To fulfil prophecy not a bone of Jesus was broken

# Joseph of Arimathea...

- 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:
- 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

**Matthew 27:57-58**

# Joseph of Arimathea...

- Joseph came from Arimathea - a city of Judah
- He was notably wealthy and *"a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God"*
- He was held in very high regard
- He is called 'honourable counsellor' **Mk 15:43**
  - Only 14 such men in the history of the nation!
- Yet we find he became a disciple of Jesus
  - **Matt 27:57**

# Joseph of Arimathea...

- Before Calvary he kept his feelings about Jesus quiet, because of his position
- Yet he is on recorded as not consenting to the crucifixion – Lk 23:50-56
- However, following the events leading up to, and of the crucifixion, he publicly steps out of the shadows and takes a stand
- He & Nichodemus go and ask Pilate for the body of Jesus!
- This was an audacious act so say the least!

# Joseph of Arimathea...

- Jesus was crucified as a Roman prisoner...
- What could this rich Jewish council member want with this man's body?
- The fact Joseph and Nicodemus are granted an audience on a day this like is staggering – yet they are given the body.
- This very act would cause them to be 'excommunicated' and lose their office
- They take Jesus, anoint Him, and put Him in Joseph's own (expensive) family tomb





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# Passover Week April 6th-13th AD32 (10th-17th Nisan in the Jewish Calendar)

Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th	
<b>Sabbath</b> Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	<b>Triumphal Entry</b> 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	<b>Feast of Passover</b> Also: 'Day of Preparation'	<b>Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath</b> John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day. (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.	<b>Sabbath</b> Exodus 12:18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even" - Thus for the whole 7 day period they were to eat unleavened bread	<b>Feast of Firstfruits</b> 1st day of Week Resurrection!	
<b>Exodus 12:3-6</b> Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it [between the evenings]*	<b>John 12:12-13</b> On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.	<b>Mark 11:12-14</b> And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee	<b>Mark 11:20-21</b> And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away.	<b>Mark 15:33-37</b> And when the sixth hour was come (12:00pm), there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.	<b>Jesus Crucified</b> "Paid in full..." 3:00pm Luke 23:53-54 And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.	<b>Lev 23:5-7</b> "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"	<b>Matthew 27:62</b> Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.	The empty tomb Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.	
* The Hebrew word is 'Beyn' which means 'between' This is another evidence of the supernatural design of the Bible. Just as in this model, laid down some 600 years before, Jesus was taken on the 10th, and as a Lamb without blemish, was killed on the 14th between the evenings, shedding His own blood to become our Passover Lamb, atoning for our sin once and for all.	<b>Mark 11:10-11a</b> .....Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....	"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.	<b>Mark 14:1</b> After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.	.....The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.	<b>Mark 15:42-43</b> And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.	<b>Deut 16:16</b> Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15)	<b>Mark 10:34</b> And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.	Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.	
<b>Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)</b>	10th Begins <b>John 12:1-2</b> Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper (i.e. an evening meal)	11th Begins <b>Mark 11:11b</b> ...And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.	12th Begins <b>Mark 11:19</b> And when even was come, he went out of the city.	13th Begins Mary pours costly oil on & anoints His head; Jud decides to go to the city. A plot is hatched and the following evening... only 24 hours from start to finish.	14th Begins <b>Mark 12:18</b> And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover? .....And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me	<b>1st Day</b>	<b>2nd Day</b>	<b>3rd Day</b>	
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65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

**Matthew 27:64-66**

# The Royal Guard

- This “watch”, was a royal roman guard made up of 16 highly trained roman soldiers
- Each would have a spear, a short sword, and a dagger,
- Each man also had 5 javelins inside of a curved shield
- Their primary weapon however was a sling
- They were trained to hit a target 70 ft. away
- They were the special forces of their day



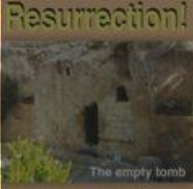


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- And if a commanding officer came and found just one of those guards asleep all 16 men in the guard would be killed
- So if one fell asleep the other guards would set their tunic on fire!
- In 390 A.D. as Rome was beginning to fall apart, the then Caesar commanded Flavius Viratus Ronitus (historian) to search the archives for military and tactical inspiration
- As a result he reconstructed this elite unit

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- The tomb was sealed - either with wax/clay
- Ropes would have been put across the stone, with the seal or Rome in the centre
- If anyone broke the seal, the punishment was to be crucified upside down,
- If they couldn't catch you, they would crucify upside down every man, woman and child in your village ,
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And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....</p> <p><small>"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.</small></p>	<p><b>Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running</b> cf Matt 21:10-17 &amp; Mark 11:15-19</p> <p><b>Mark 11:12-14</b> And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee</p> <p><b>Mark 11:10-11a</b> .....Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....</p> <p><small>Bethany</small></p>	<p><b>Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days</b></p> <p><b>Mark 11:20-21</b> And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away.</p> <p><b>Mark 14:1</b> After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.</p> <p><small>Mark here refers to the feast/festival starting from the 15th (which was the first day off work) - see Luke 22:1 so after 2 days = 15th &amp; the feast</small></p>	<p><b>Jesus &amp; disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th</b></p> <p><b>Mark 15:33-37</b> And when the sixth hour was come (12:00pm), there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.</p> <p><b>Matt 26:17-20</b> Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread..... See Ex 12:18 (above right)</p> <p><small>In both of these verses, the words 'the feast of' have been added by the translators, they are not in the original and can be misleading.</small></p>	<p><b>Feast of Passover</b> Also: 'Day of Preparation'</p> <p><b>Jesus Crucified</b> "Paid in full..." 3:00pm</p> <p><b>Luke 23:53-54</b> And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.</p> <p><b>Mark 15:42-43</b> And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.</p>	<p><b>Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath</b></p> <p><b>John 19:31</b> The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies which lay there remain upon the sabbath day (15th) should not be taken away. (See below) desought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.</p> <p><b>Lev 23:5-7</b> "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"</p> <p><b>Deut 16:16</b> "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15)</p> <p><b>1st Day</b></p>	<p><b>Sabbath</b></p> <p><b>Exodus 12:18</b> "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, and seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread: the first day ye shall eat unleavened bread, and the seventh day shall ye eat unleavened bread"</p> <p><b>Matthew 27:62</b> Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.</p> <p><b>2nd Day</b></p>	<p><b>Feast of Firstfruits</b> 1st day of Week</p> <p><b>Resurrection!</b></p> <p><small>The empty tomb</small></p> <p><b>Mark 16:1-2</b> And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.</p> <p><b>Mark 10:34</b> And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.</p> <p><b>3rd Day</b></p>
<p><b>10th Begins</b></p> <p><b>John 12:1-2</b> Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper (i.e. an evening meal)</p> <p><small>NB: 'Passover' here is used to denote the 'festival' period commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1 So after 6 days is the 15th &amp; the feast.</small></p>	<p><b>11th Begins</b></p> <p><b>Mark 11:11b</b> ...And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.</p> <p><b>Luke 22:1</b> Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.</p> <p><small>Mount of Olives - Tuesday Where Jesus taught the disciples about the events that would precede His 2nd coming</small></p>	<p><b>12th Begins</b></p> <p><b>Mark 11:19</b> And when even was come, he went out of the city.</p>	<p><b>13th Begins</b></p> <p>Mary pours costly oil on Jesus' feet &amp; anoints His head; Judas, incensed, decides to go to the chief priests. A plot is hatched and planned for the following evening - only 24 hours from start to finish.</p> <p><b>John 13:1-2</b> Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;</p>	<p><b>14th Begins</b></p> <p>Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve</p> <p><b>Mark 14:12-18</b> And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover?.....And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.</p>	<p><b>15th Begins</b></p> <p><b>1st Night</b></p>	<p><b>16th Begins</b></p> <p><b>2nd Night</b></p>	<p><b>17th begins</b></p> <p><b>3rd Night</b></p>	<p><b>18th Begins</b></p> <p><b>Matt 12:40</b> For as Jonah 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</p> <p><small>Jerusalem</small></p> <p><small>Location of the most important week in human history</small></p>

- 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
- 2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
- 3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

**Mark 16:1-3**

- **The women didn't know the Roman guard was there!**

- 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- 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.

**Matthew 28:2-4**

- How do we know this?
- Whose eye witness testimony is this!



# The Inside Story!

- In Israel there were tax collectors who would stay in their office and do the paperwork...
- And others who would go out and about and collect taxes from the public
- Matthew was the latter, called 'publicans'
  - Because they collected from the public,
- As a servant of Rome he would always have had a roman soldier with him
  - With his shield and his spear to signify the authority of Rome,

# The Inside Story!

- Matthew is the only Gospel writer to tell us what happened at the tomb...
- ...that an angel came down, and rolled the stone away,
- ...and what happened in the discussion with Pilate...
- ...and that the soldiers didn't go to Pilate when they fled the tomb, but to the priests,
- ...and that the priests paid the soldiers to keep quiet!

- 11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.
- 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,
- 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.
- 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. **Matthew 28:11-14**

<sup>15</sup> So they took the money, and did as they were taught:  
and this saying is commonly reported among the  
Jews until this day.

Matthew 28:15

- Imagine saying that as a witness in a court room,
- “Your honor, it was the disciples”,
- “How do you know?”
- “Well, err, I was sound asleep when they came, that’s how I know!”

# ...testimonies of the Deity of Christ



- The testimony of Jesus
- The testimony of the Disciples
- The testimony of the Roman Centurion
- The testimony of Joseph of Arimathea
- The testimony of the Roman guard at the tomb
- The testimony of Pilate
- The testimony of Moses

# The Acta Pilati

- *“Important testimony of Pontius Pilate, recently discovered, being his official report to the Emperor Tiberius, concerning the crucifixion of Christ”*

- by George Sluter 1837-1908

- Original Manuscript is in the Vatican

– <https://archive.org/details/actapilatiimport00slut>

# The Acta Pilati

Justin Martyr, in his first apology for the Christians, which was presented to the Emperor Antoninus Pius, in the year A. D., 138, having mentioned the Crucifixion of Jesus and some of its attendant circumstances, says:

“ And that these things were so done, you may know from the Acts made in the time of Pontius Pilate.”

# The Acta Pilati

The learned Tertullian, in his Apology for Christianity, about the year 200, after speaking of our Savior's crucifixion and resurrection, and his appearance to the disciples, who were ordained by him to publish the Gospel over the world, thus proceeds:

“Of all these things relating to Christ, Pilate himself, in his conscience already a Christian, sent an account to Tiberius, then Emperor.”



# The Acta Pilati

- It is Pilate's report to Emperor Caesar concerning the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- He details:
  - What happened regarding the crucifixion
  - The kind of man Jesus was
  - That Jesus had been granted freedom to teach the people
  - That wealthy people didn't like Jesus on account of his support for the poor

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- He details:
  - Miraculous events at the tomb of Jesus
    - That a brilliant light was seen
    - That an angelic being appeared
    - That there was an earthquake
    - That trained Roman guards collapsed in terror
    - And that they actually saw Jesus risen from the dead
    - But that they were then given money to keep quiet

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# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- In fulfillment of Gabriel's prophecy given to Daniel (ch9), Jesus presented Himself as the Messiah of Israel on the very day foretold over 500 years before!
  - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and allowed Himself to be worshipped as the Messiah
  - This was the only day in His ministry He allowed this, and He intentionally arranges the event
  - The Triumphal Entry was on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, the very day the sacrificial lamb's from the fields around Bethlehem were being taken and inspected, ready for the Passover sacrifice

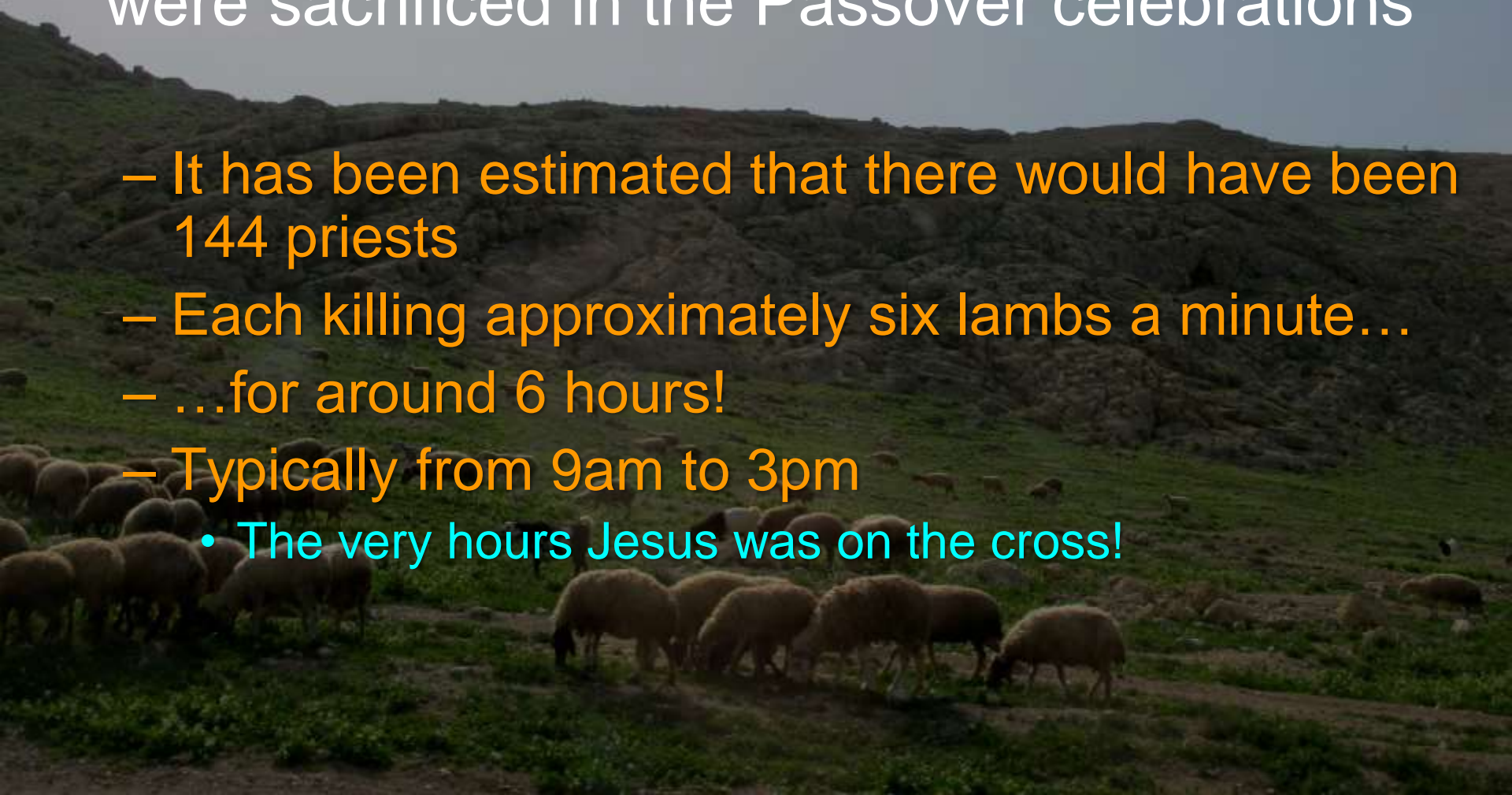
# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- The Feast of Passover foreshadows Christ's sacrificial death
  - On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month (Nisan)
  - Jesus was able to both celebrate the Passover with His disciples & become the Passover Lamb, dying on the 14<sup>th</sup> because of Exodus 12:6
    - The lamb's must be killed 'Beyn' 'BETWEEN' the evenings – thus a 24 hour window
  - Paul states that Christ became our Passover  
1 Corinthians 5:7

# Bethlehem's Sheep

- Josephus records that over 250,000 lambs were sacrificed in the Passover celebrations
  - It has been estimated that there would have been 144 priests
  - Each killing approximately six lambs a minute...
  - ...for around 6 hours!
  - Typically from 9am to 3pm
    - The very hours Jesus was on the cross!





# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- The Feast of Unleavened Bread, His burial
  - As Jesus body was placed in the tomb it became the 15<sup>th</sup> by the Jewish reckoning
  - *“Unless a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit”* – John 12:24



# The Gospel

– according to the scriptures –

- The Feast of Firstfruits, His resurrection
  - On the 17th Jesus rose from the dead on the Feast of Firstfruits
  - Thus becoming “the Firstfruits of all that slept”  
1 Corinthians 15:20

Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
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**1st Day**  
15th Begins  
1st Night

**2nd Day**  
16th Begins  
2nd Night

**3rd Day**  
17th begins  
3rd Night

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**Resurrection!**  
The empty tomb

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**Jerusalem**  
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**The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul**  
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**According to the scriptures**  
...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover  
...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread  
...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits

**Mount of Olives - Tuesday**  
Where Jesus taught the disciples about the events that would precede His 2nd coming

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"HE IS NOT HERE-  
FOR HE IS RISEN"



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