

Good Friday And Easter – Nothing To Do With Jesus Christ

At the very start of this letter, it must be pointed out, that as Christians, the fact that we believe Jesus did live, die and rise again from the dead is infinitely more important than any explanation forthcoming regarding the time element of His death, burial and resurrection.

The tradition that Jesus Christ was crucified on Good Friday and raised from the dead on Easter morning is a **Roman Catholic lie and a fallacy.**

Jesus Christ died shortly **after ‘the ninth hour’ or three in the afternoon – Matthew 27:46-50.**

‘The Jews, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath was an high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away... but when they came to Jesus.. He was dead already’. – John 19:51-55

By this time;

‘the even was come’. – Mark 15:42, It was late afternoon. The law said; **‘His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise buy him that day’.** – Deuteronomy 21:25

In that time remaining in that day before sundown, before the high day sabbath began, Joseph of Arimethea obtained permission to remove the body of Jesus. He and Nicodemus prepared Jesus body for burial with linen clothes and spices and placed it In a nearby tomb - **John 19:38-42;** all of this being complete by sundown.

If the resurrection took place at the same time of day as when Jesus was buried - only three days later; this would place the resurrection close to sundown, not ‘sunrise’, as is commonly assumed. A sunrise resurrection would have required an extra night, three days and four nights. This was not the case of course. Those who came to the tomb at sunrise, Instead of witnessing the resurrection at that precise time, found; that the tomb was already empty- **Mark 16:2.** Mary Magdalene came to the tomb when ‘it was yet dark’ on the first day of the week and **Jesus was ‘not’ there - John 20:1,2**

The gospel writers tell of several different visits made by the disciples to the tomb on that first day of the week. In every instance they found the tomb empty! An angel said; **‘He is not here for He is risen, as He said’.** – Matthew 28:26

The first day of the week was when the disciples discovered that he was risen - Luke 24:1,2 etc., but nowhere does the Bible actually say this was the time of the resurrection. The only verse which seems to teach a Sunday morning resurrection is; **‘Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene’, - Mark 16:9**

This verse does not say that early on the first day Jesus was 'rising' or that He 'did. rise' at that time. It says that when the first day of the week came He **‘was risen’** - past perfect tense.

Since Jesus was crucified on the day before the sabbath, we can understand why some have thought of Friday as the day of the crucifixion. But the sabbath that followed His death was not the weekly sabbath, but an annual sabbath; **‘for that sabbath was an high day’**. – John 19:14,31

This sabbath could fall on any day of the week and that year apparently came on Thursday. He was crucified and buried on the preparation day (Wednesday), the next day was the high sabbath, (Thursday), then Friday, followed, by the weekly sabbath (Saturday).

Understanding that there were **‘two’** sabbaths that week explains how Christ could be crucified on the day before the sabbath, and was already risen from the tomb when the day after the sabbath came;
- yet fulfilling the sign of Jonah - three days and three nights.

‘The Bible nowhere says or Implies that Jesus Christ was crucified and died on Friday. It is said that Jesus was crucified on the day before the sabbath’... Now the Bible does not leave us to speculate in regard to which sabbath is meant in this instance....it was not the day before the weekly sabbath (that is Friday), but it was the day before the Passover sabbath, which came on Thursday - that is to say, the day on which Jesus Christ was crucified was Wednesday. The apostle John makes this as clear as day. Jesus was buried Just about sunset on Wednesday. Seventy-Two hours later....he arose from the grave. When the women visited the tomb just before dawn in the morning, they found the grave already empty.

‘There is absolutely nothing in favor of a Friday crucifixion’.

Now let's take a look at the deceptive worldly Roman Catholic custom of Easter;

The word 'EASTER' appears once in the King James version of the Bible;
‘... intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people’. – Acts12:4

The word translated **Easter** here is **‘pascha’** in the original greek, which is as all scholars know, the greek word for **passover** and; has no connection with the English word **'Easter.'** It is well known that **'Easter' is not a Christian expression - even in it's original meaning.** The word comes from the name of a pagan goddess - the goddess of the rising light of day and spring. 'Easter' is but a modern form of; 'Eostre, Oстера, Ashtarte, or Ishtar, the latter according to Alexander Hislop being pronounced as we pronounce **'Easter'** today. It is not a Christian name but is of Chaldean origin.

Much more historical evidence could be called on to give credence to the above statements, but the bottom line when it comes down to the facts about Good Friday and Easter are that these two days have nothing at all whatsoever to do with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The celebration of this spring festivity called Easter is not found in the Bible, which is God's Word. Easter and all it's worldly trappings such as Easter Bunnies, Easter Eggs, Sunrise Services, Lent, Hot Cross Buns, boil down to one basic thing – **nature worship, derived from old world paganism.** The rabbit or hare has always been considered a fertility symbol; this is openly seen in the hedonistic corrupt organization begun by Hugh Hefner and his Playboy publication, along with his bunny girls.

The world with all It's hypocritical beliefs and practices will never give up their pagan nature worship, and will always try to mix Jesus Christ in with it, inventing pagan festivities and so called holy-days such as

Easter and Good Friday, No this won't change, as the world has its own customs and laws which are diametrically opposed to God's ways and truth, as the world's destination is hell anyways.

Why I ask then, in the light of all this historical and biblical evidence do any who call themselves Christians, continue to try to put Jesus Christ right in the middle of Good Friday and Easter .

To those who are hypocrites in the worldly churches that counter with the sorry excuse that it doesn't matter what day we commemorate and observe the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as long as we do observe a set day. To this lukewarm hypocritical excuse, the Word of God has the following answer; **'...Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, to die is gain'. – Philippians 1:20b.21**

A true Christian will be experiencing the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in his life daily, as it is a fact and reality in his daily experience. He doesn't just show up twice a year in the temples of doom at Christmas and Easter to make a good showing in the flesh, doing lip service to a God he doesn't really know in daily experience.

Church hypocrites, repent and stop abusing the name of Jesus Christ!

'Judgment must start at the house of God first'. – 1 Peter 4:17