

GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

JESUS DEATH Read Matthew 27:26-54

Planned B4 Foundation of World

Revelation 13:8 – “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

Prophesied First in Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

Some Say: God Surprised by Death of Jesus

False Teaching: Jesus came to establish an Earthly Kingdom but God’s plan was foiled when the Jews put Jesus to death. God established the church in the meantime until Jesus returns again to rule on the earth for 1000 years.

Truth: Jesus death was known and planned by God before the world was even made! Many prophesies in the O.T. and Jesus Himself spoke of His death many times in His teaching while here on earth.

First Time: Matthew 16:21, “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

Second Time: Matthew 17:22-23, “Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.”

Third Time: Matthew 20:17-19, “Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

Jesus Death Was God’s Plan So We Can Have Forgiveness of Sins and Eternal Life!

Jesus Burial Read Matthew 27:57-66

Jesus body was taken by Joseph and prepared for burial according to the customs of the day. He was not treated any differently than anyone else, except, what we read in Matthew 27:62-65.

Why were the chief priests and Pharisees so concerned about securing the body of Jesus? Because of the many prophecies of His resurrection!

Did the placing of guards and sealing of the tomb help?

Jesus Resurrection Read Matthew 28:1-8

All of the precautions that the Romans could make did not stop the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! What a great and glorious day that was! The day that Jesus rose from the dead!

What makes Jesus death and resurrection so special? Weren't there other people that died and were raised from the dead? Yes there were, remember Lazarus?

John 11-12 tells us of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead even though he had been dead for four days.

Matthew 27:51-53 which we read earlier said...(read Matthew 27:51-53)

So what makes Jesus death and resurrection different than other people's death and resurrection we read about in the Bible?

Jesus died and was resurrected **NEVER TO DIE AGAIN!**

The Empty Tomb! Greatest proof of that Jesus was God was the empty tomb. If chief priest and Pharisees could have proven that Jesus had not actually risen from the dead they would have done it, but they couldn't.

Soldiers Bribed **Matthew 28:11**, "Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."

Jesus Reign Read Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus speaking to His eleven disciples said, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”**

Phil. 2:5-11, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Jesus is the head of the church (Col.1:18), He is our Savior, He is our King and He now rules from heaven.

God has done everything that He can do for us to be saved and spend eternity with Him in heaven. It is now up to us to do the rest and be obedient to His commands.

Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Be Baptized, Live Faithfully