

John 19:16-17
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THE CRUCIFIXION AND THE CROSS *SEE - LSC V. III P. 43 ff.*

READ JOHN 19:16/17 "THEY DELIVERED HIM TO BE **CRUCIFIED** / AND HE, BEARING HIS **CROSS** WENT FORTH. . .

THERE IS A DISTINCTION BETWEEN
THE **CRUCIFIXION AND THE CROSS** .

THE **CRUCIFIXION** WAS A CRIMINAL ACT WHICH ULTIMATELY WILL BEAR A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE PERPETRATORS. WHEREAS THE **CROSS** IS THE POINT OF THE DIVINE RECONCILIATION OF GOD AND MAN, THE REMOVAL OF ALL PENALTY OF ALL SIN.

THE **CRUCIFIXION** ON THE HUMAN SIDE WAS WAS THE INCIPIENT IN THE ACTION OF NATURAL SINFUL MAN.THE **CROSS** WAS RECONCILIATION ON THE DIVINE SIDE.

THERE WAS IN FACT THE SIMULTANEOUS ACTION OF MEN CARRYING OUT THEIR WICKED HEARTS DESIRE, AND THE SOVEREIGN GOD CARRYING OUT THE PLAN OF THE AGES. SIMULTANEOUS - BUT NOT SYNONYMOUS!

THERE IS CRIMINALITY IN THE CRUCIFIXION - BUT RECONCILIATION IN THE CROSS!

Let us be careful this Easter season lest we loose sight of the **cross** while men celebrate the **crucifixion!**

There are far too many who take delight in portraying the **crime of the crucifixion**, pictures, statues, idols, - dwelling too much on the actions of men - **to the obliteration of the truth of the empty cross.**

God does not base his ultimate love gift on the on the supreme crime of the ages! - but rather on the supreme truth that he loves mankind - even to the point of the cross. Christ was not Pilate's lamb, nor was Caiaphas responsible for providing the blood of our redemption!

Divine sovereignty and human responsibility (or, free will) are no where more at odds than here at the **CRUCIFIXION/CROSS**.

The explicit description of the oppressors in **Psalm 22** compared with the pronouncement of **Isaiah 53:10**

PSALM 22:

THE CRY OF SUFFERING **V. 1**

PRECISE WORDS OF THE TORMENTORS **V. 8**

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DIVINE RESPONSIBILITY - **V. 15**

THE PIERCING OF THE HANDS AND FEET - **V. 16**

YET

Isaiah 53:10 TURN HERE "YET IT PLEASSED THE LORD TO BRUISE HIM; HE HATH PUT HIM TO GRIEF.

Isa 53:10 **Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief:** when **thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

THERE IS THEN, BOTH A HUMAN AND A DIVINE SIDE TO THE DEATH OF CHRIST.
THERE WAS A CRIMINAL CRUCIFIXION - AND A CROSS OF RECONCILIATION.

WHO THEN PUT CHRIST TO DEATH?

IT WAS BOTH A HUMAN AND A DIVINE ACTION!

THERE ARE AT LEAST **8 PARTIES OF TWO SEPARATE GROUPS** TO WHOM DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY IS ASSIGNED FOR THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

ACTS 4:27 GIVES FOUR PARTIES: (**V. 28** IN A MOMENT.)

ADD TO THIS NUMBER SATAN HIMSELF AND HIS LEGIONS AND WE HAVE 5 PARTIES AT HAND ALREADY. **Gen. 3:15**.

CHRIST WAS REJECTED BY THE JEWS
BETRAYED BY JUDAS
CONDEMNED BY HEROD
CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE
TORMENTED BY THE SOLDIERS AND
MOCKED BY THE MASSES!

ADD TO ALL THESE **OUR OWN SIN**, FOR WHICH HE DIED, AND WE BEGIN TO SEE THE SCOPE OF THE KILLERS OF CHRIST.

ACTS 4 :27 & 28

THE OTHER THREE PARTIES ARE: GOD THE FATHER; GOD THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE HAVE SEEN **PS. 22** AND **IS. 53:10** ALREADY.

ACTS 2:23 - HIM BEING DELIVERED BY THE DETERMINANT COUNCIL AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF **GOD**.

JOHN THE BAPTIST - **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD!**

ROM. 8:32 HE SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON! AND EVEN JOHN 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE SON - EPH. 5:25 CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT.

JOHN 10:18 "NO MAN TAKETH IT FROM ME - BUT I LAY IT DOWN OF MYSELF . I HAVE POWER TO LAY IT DOWN AND I HAVE POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN. THIS COMMANDMENT HAVE I RECEIVED OF MY FATHER."

I JOHN 3:16 . . . HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.

HOLY SPIRIT Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit** offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?