

### Good Friday, April 18, 2014 There They Crucified Him Rev Andrew Taylor

### Luke 23:33

"And when they had come to the place which is called Calvary,

there they crucified Him."

#### THERE...

The MOST RELIGIOUS CITY in the world

Not Rome / Mecca / Varanasi / Babylon / Gaya
But JERUSALEM!

#### THEY...

#### The MOST RELIGIOUS PEOPLE in the world

Not the 'Intellectual Greeks' in line from Socrates, Homer, and Plato!

Not the iron-heeled, Caesar-worshiping, all-conquering, empire-building Romans!

But the most Religious and Privileged People in the world – the JEWS!

The people that had the Laws of God given to them!

The people who had heard and recorded the Voice of the Prophets!

And not just the 'common people' but the Religious Leaders!

Who proactively incited the mob to shout, 'CRUCIFY HIM'!

CRUCIFIED...

The MOST SHAMEFUL DEATH in the world!

### **NOT STONED**

Not Pushed off a Cliff
Not Impaled / Speared
Not Hanged by a Rope
Not made to Drink Poison
Not Burned at a Stake, but...

CRUCIFIXION...

"Cursed is anyone that hangs on a tree." Deut. 21:23

This was PREFACED by:



### BEING BEATEN WITH RODS

Punched
Beard plucked
Spat upon
Purple robe placed on Him

# MOCKED / KNELT TO

Prophesy! Who hit you? Crown of thorns pushed into His brow On the cross, Jesus' blood was shed for cleansing from all sin. True! But also, Is. 53:5 says,"By His stripes we are healed!" Yes, Healing IS the children's BREAD!

### Imagine the cruelty

The agony
The excruciating pain
Cat-o'-9-tails
Leather thongs
Weighted Metal and bone pieces
Ripped flesh off, and body open

# **CAT-0'-9-TAILS...**

Knotted leather thongs
Long enough to curl around body
Most effective flesh-cutting instrument
Person tied to whipping post, or
Tied to hook in wall – suspended
Cut to bleeding ribbons
"He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities..." Is. 9:5
39 + Stripes...

# NORMALLY, 39 WAS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER

In Jesus' case, how many stripes? Some scholars say that all diseases fall into one of 39 categories! But regardless of how many stripes:



One stripe was for all types of cancers...
One stripe for arthritis; Aids; etc.
Person often swooned from shock / impact
Floated in and out of consciousness
That's why he had to be tied to a post / hook!

### Each 'stripe' PAID IN FULL for every major disease!

# AFTER ALL THIS, HE WAS MADE TO CARRY HIS CROSS

Not a smooth, polished wooden cross...

Rough hewn; splinters going into an already lacerated, bloodied, and bruised back

No wonder, Simon of Cyrene called to help!

Then came the nailing to the cross. No let up!

Rusty, long spikes through hands and feet!

### Nailed to the cross...

### Nails Piercing Through Nerves

Cross raised up, then dropped with a thud Bleeding profusely from back, head, hands, feet Asphyxiation / Suffocation Reviled by thieves, bystanders, religious leaders Saves penitent thief Forgives revilers: "Father forgive them..." Victory cry: "It is FINISHED!" Pierced in side – water and blood! John 19:34 HIM...
The MOST PRECIOUS PERSON in the world!

## Who? The Lord Jesus Christ Himself!

Not just a Prophet, Priest, or King, but...
All 3 wrapped up in One!
Messiah, Redeemer, Savior, Holy One
Prophet – Moses; Priest - Melchisidec
King of Israel and Son of David
King of kings, and Lord of lords! Rev. 19:16

Few Closing Thoughts...



Yes, SALVATION may be FREE, but it's NOT CHEAP!
It was bought at a great and terrible price —
The broken body, and the shed blood of Jesus Christ!
Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft quote:
For every Crucifixion, a Resurrection is waiting to follow!

# QATAR, APRIL 2004!

Because the movie, "The Passion of the Christ" was touted as ANTI-SEMITIC by the anti-Christian, mainstream media... ARABS went to see it, since they dislike the Jews! This movie was shown in theaters in this Arab country... and had a profound effect on many Moslems there!

Yes, THERE - THEY - CRUCIFIED - HIM...

"Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory!" 1 Corinthians 2:8

Let us WORSHIP the Son of God this morning!

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