**TOXIC TnT EXPOSED**

**THE TRUTH ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER**

God’s people are being called to a radical reformation and return to worshipping God in truth. Jesus said: *“We must worship the Father in Spirit and Truth”* (John 4:24). First of all, Where did the Good Friday and Easter tradition originate? The Roman Catholics were first to celebrate the Good Friday and Easter traditions associated with Jesus’ death supposedly on Friday and his resurrection on Sonday (not good).

Now the first falsehood we want to expose is that Jesus could not have died on Friday as Jesus clearly reveals in Matthew 12:40 and Mark 8:31. “*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”* (Matthew 12:40 KJVER). ***31 “****And* (Jesus) *began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again”* (Mark 8:3 KJVER). If you count from Friday at approximately 3 pm when Jesus died as your first day and Friday night your first night, you have 1 day and 1 night. Then if you count Saturday as second day and Saturday night your second night, you have 2 days and 2 nights. Jesus arose early Sonday morning and consequently you have no third day or third night. Obviously, we have a problem. Was Jesus fibbing or were the Catholic theologians confused and then messed things up royally. If I were a betting person I’d bet on the confused theologians. Why were they confused?

One additional problem concerning the Passion Week is they discovered that based on the chronology of the week from the scriptures there is an extra day that cannot be accounted for. In order to account for this extra day, they place it on Wednesday and they state that Jesus did nothing for this one whole day during the most important week of His life. Let me read what is recorded for the Passion Week in the “Fire Bible” regarding this missing day; *“Day of Rest: Wednesday not mentioned in the Gospels. The Scriptures do not mention this day, but the counting of the days* (Mark 14:1; John 12:1) *seems to indicate that there is another day concerning which the Gospels record nothing.”*

So what is the explanation that can alleviate all this confusion and the falsehood that contradicts the timing of Jesus’ resurrection as revealed in Matthew 12 verse 40? We believe the key clue is found in John 19:31; *“Since it was the Day of Preparation* (before the Sabbath), *to prevent bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath day* *(for that Sabbath day was a high day),”* …

The assumption that these Catholic theologians made that caused the problem is that this Sabbath was the regular weekly Sabbath which means Jesus must have died on Friday, it was not. The above Scripture reveals that the Sabbath being prepared for was a special *“high day”* it was not the regular weekly Sabbath. It was the special Sabbath of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread this is a Sabbath day which immediately follows the day after Passover regardless of what day of the week it fell upon (Leviticus 23:6-7). Consequently, Jesus’ death was on Thursday afternoon followed by two consecutive Sabbaths. The Feast of Unleavened Bread Sabbath on Friday and the regular weekly Sabbath on Saturday. When you factor in this reality calculating from Thursday at 3 pm until early Sonday morning you have the three days and three nights Jesus proclaimed that He would be in the heart of the earth. At the same time, it solves the confusion surrounding the missing day. The missing day was actually this special Sabbath on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread that fell on the Friday. Therefore this was the day for which the Bible records nothing as it was a Sabbath rest day as was the case for Saturday as well. Some may contend for the Good Friday tradition because Jesus said He would arise on the third day (Luke9:22). If you calculate this process using full 24 hour days then from Thursday at approximately 3 pm until Friday at 3 pm, you have your first day. Then, from Friday at 3 pm until Saturday at 3 pm you have your second 24 hour day. Finally, if you go from 3 pm Saturday until Sonday at 3 pm you have your third day. Jesus arose early Sonday morning on and within the third day. I believe the Holy Spirit revealed this explanation and understanding to our hearts which makes total sense and eliminates the confusion, because we know God is not the author of confusion (I Corinthians 14:33). However, we do know that satan is the author of confusion and the father of lies trying to infiltrate our worship with falsehoods in order to defile it. We must allow the Lord to bring forth His truth to dispel the lies and the confusion of satan and his lying demonic powers. The LORD is purifying His Church in this final hour removing the spots and blemishes of falsehoods and pagan influences that corrupt our worship including the toxic traditions of “Good” Friday and Easter. Please hear what eminent Bible scholar Finis Dake writes in his respected Reference Bible about Easter:

In Dake’s Reference Bible Pg 137 of the New Testament he states: “Easter was a pagan festival observed long before Christ. It is not a Christian name, but is derived from Ishtar, one of the Babylonian titles of an idol goddess, the Queen of Heaven (the goddess of love, sexuality and fertility, (Jeremiah 7:18). Also associated with Angol-Saxon goddess Eastre/Eostre (a goddess of Spring)…”

We need to realize that “Easter” is set in accordance with the Spring equinox or vernal equinox in the same manner as the original pagan fertility festival. This was probably done at the time when Constantine the Emperor of Rome declared Christianity the state religion of Rome in the fourth century A.D. In order to bring the mainly pagan Roman citizenry into the new state religion of Christianity they transitioned their pagan festivals into Christian holidays. The Spring fertility festival transitioned into the new Christianized “Easter” celebration. The Lord God Almighty does not want His children celebrating pagan festivals with a thin veneer of Christianity over them. If we want to commemorate Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross we should celebrate it in accordance with Passover which is the actual day that He was crucified. In fact, Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of Passover as the perfect Passover Lamb of God. Jesus liberated us from the penalty and the power of our sin of which *“leaven”* is a scriptural type. The cleansing of our sin by the ultimate Passover sacrifice removed the leaven of sin from our lives transforming those who believed into unleavened Believers. Therefore the ultimate fulfillment of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is what Jesus accomplished for us on Passover. Now we can celebrate our liberation from leaven on the Feast of Unleavened (Believers) Bread which is really the New Covenant fulfillment of this Feast and we can do it for seven days (Hallelujah!) Jesus arose on the Sonday which is the Feast of First Fruits (Leviticus 23:9-11). Jesus was the first fruits of those who would be raised from the dead. In a New Covenant context we now celebrate the Feast of First Fruits as Jesus being the First Fruits of the Resurrection and because he was resurrected we too will be resurrected one day (PTL!). In conclusion, if we want to celebrate these important Biblical events we need to do it with Biblical Feasts. We need to do so with Biblical Feasts in the context of their New Covenant fulfillments. Thus, honouring our Heavenly Father’s desire to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. God bless you Beloved as you embrace the ways of truth and forsake the enemy’s defiling and corrupting falsehoods and pagan pageantry in Jesus’ precious Name. Amen!