Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Next Book: TBD - verse by verse
Scripture(s) for Today: Col 2:16; Mt 12:40 - The Bible on holy days and timing of the crucifixion
Today's Message:
"Lent and the Good Friday Hoax"

## INTRODUCTION



Last week, we began a short series on the traditions of men versus the holy Bible. We learned that some religious organizations hold their traditions above the words of God: a very significant error! There is a dangerous blurring of the lines when families have deep religious convictions over unbiblical traditions. Today, we will look at the tradition of LENT and the celebration of "holy" days in general. Tragically, billions of people have been duped about one of the most important dates in the history of Jesus Christ which almost all call, "Good Friday." It is in fact a great HOAX! As usual, all answers today will come from the word of God which is our authority on all matters - especially religious TRADITIONS!

## LEARNING TOGETHER

## A. The Text Colossians 2:16; Matthew 12:40

## \#1. Defining the Traditions - most people believe LENT is found in the Bible.

$>$ The word "lent" is found 5 times in the KJB - in every case, the past form of LEND!
$>$ The words "holy days" are found 3 times in KJB (OT) - all references to the SABBATH.
$>$ The word "holyday" is found 1 time in KJB (NT) - our mail - written to the CHURCH.

## 2022 Lent Calendar

"Ash Wednesday" was Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Lent ends on "Holy Thursday" 4/14 or Saturday, 4/16 depending on your denomination.
$\checkmark$ DEFINING LENT

- W1828 \#1 "Lent, pp.": Lent, pp. of lend
- W1828 \#2 "Lent, n.": A fast or feast of forty days observed by the Christian church before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter.
Wikipedia: Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan. Lent is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed (incl. Presbyterian and Congregationalist), United Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches. Some Anabaptist, Baptist, and nondenominational Christian churches also observe Lent.


## $\checkmark$ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

○ "Lent" is found 5 times in KJB - Ex 12:36; Deut 23:19; 1Sam 1:28; 2:20; Jer 15:10

- "Holy day" is found 3 times in KJB (OT)-Ex 35:2; Neh 10:31; Isa 58:13; Heb 4:10!
- "Holyday" is found 1 time in KJB (NT) - Col 2:16-17; Mk16:9; Acts20:7; 1Cor16:2

NOTE God commanded Jews to honour the Sabbath-until Rest came! Sunday is tradition.

## \#2. Proving the Traditions - "Good Friday" is a mathematical IMPOSSIBILITY.

> Most people believe Jesus was crucified on a Friday; they celebrate "Good Friday."
$\checkmark$ THE FACTS

- God defines a DAY as "the evening and the morning." Genesis 1:5-31 (Jews also)
- Jesus defines a day as $\mathbf{1 2}$ hours; a night must then be 12 hours. Jn11:9; Ex13:21
- Jesus said He would be in the earth 3 days AND 3 nights - $\mathbf{7 2}$ hours! Mt 12:40

○ Jesus rose on SUNDAY, the $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ day of the week. Mt28:1; Mk16:9; Lk24:1; Jn20:1
NOTE According to the Bible, Jesus was resurrected after sunset on Saturday, and the tomb was empty on Sunday morning - even when it was yet dark. There is no mathematical formula that will allow for Jesus to be crucified on Friday, pass 72 hours, and still be able to resurrect early Sunday morning! "Good Friday" is a lie.

## \#3. Obeying the Scriptures - Jesus was crucified on WEDNESDAY - on Passover!

$>$ Always be ready to CHANGE whatever you have been taught or you have believed when it goes contrary to the Bible. (How to Study the Bible - The Attitude Factor)

## $\checkmark$ THE SOURCE OF THE ERROR

- Lk 23:52-56 - ... And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.
- Mk 15:39-42 - ... even was come... the preparation... day before the sabbath."

NOTE According to the Bible, Jesus gave up the ghost and was in tomb the day before sabbath day. Most people assume Saturday... thus "Good Friday."

## $\checkmark$ DIFFERENT SABBATHS IN THE BIBLE

- Lev 23:3 - Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath...
- Lev 23:5 - In the fourteenth day of the first month at even... LORD's passover.
- Lev 23:6 - On the fifteenth day of... same month... feast of unleavened bread...
- Lev 23:7 - In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation... no servile work...
- Lev 23:8 - ...in the seventh day is an holy convocation... no servile work...
- Jn 19:31 - The Jews...because it was the preparation...bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,)

NOTE A "high day" sabbath is a SPECIAL sabbath; this was $1^{\text {st }}$ day of unleavened bread feast ( $15^{\text {th }}$ day of Nissan), the day after Passover ( $14^{\text {th }}$ day of Nissan).

## B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. If most "churches" are WRONG about "Good Friday," what are their other errors?
$*$ Question: Are you willing to change what you believe today if it is contrary to the Bible?
2. Most people are like the religious leaders who crucified Jesus, then ate PASSOVER!

* Question: Are you able to sin against God while doing traditions? Jn 18:28; 19:6, 14-16


## GOOD FRIDAY HOAX: A MATHEMATICAL IMPOSSIBILITY!



## THE BIBLE - WEDNESDAY CRUCIFIXION: PERFECT, LOGICAL MATH!

| SUNDAY NISSAN 11 | MONDAY NISSAN 12 | TUESDAY NISSAN 13 | WEDNESDAY NISSAN 14 <br> PASSOVER BEGINS <br> PASOVER ENDS | THURSDAY NISSAN 15 <br> HIGH DAY <br> SABBATH BEGINS <br> HIGH DAY <br> SABBATH <br> ENDS | FRIDAY NISSAN 16 <br> Preparation <br> Day for Weekly Sabbath | SATURDAY NISSAN 17 <br> WEEKLY <br> SABBATH <br> BEGINS <br> WEEKLY <br> SABBATH <br> ENDS | SUNDAY NISSAN 18 <br> JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! |
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