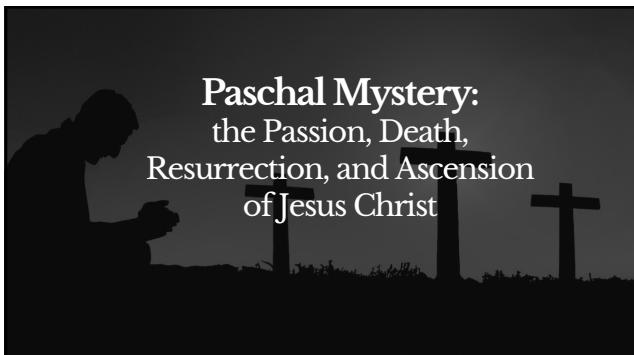


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Paschal Mystery

Second Part of the Creed:

"Jesus Christ ... suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father."



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Paschal Mystery

Paschal: relating to Easter

- from the Hebrew *"pasach"* - meaning to pass over
- Remember the Jewish Passover?

Mystery:

- Not something to be solved
- Something to be lived



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Passover

The Exodus Event:

- God wanted to FREE HIS PEOPLE
- 9 Plagues...nothing works
- 10th Plague: Death of the Firstborn
- [Passover Prescription](#)



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Covenants

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Name	"Adamic" or "Covenantal"	"Noetic"	"Abrahamic"	"Mosaic" or "Messianic"	"Davidic"	"New" or "Ecclesiastic"
Mediator	Adam	Noah	Abraham	Moses	David	Son of David
Mediator	Eve	Arrest	Morah	Saints	Zion	Zion
Mediator	Married couple	Exodus	Yahweh	Nation	Kingdom (Empire)	Calvary (Zion)
Organism	Family					Church
Scripture	Gen 1:2	Gen 9	Gen 12:1-8 Gen 12:17	Exodus 19:5-6 Exodus 20:1-17 Exodus 24:12 Exodus 34:28 Exodus 35:1-5	2 Sam 7 2 Sam 12 2 Sam 22 2 Sam 23 2 Sam 24 2 Sam 28 2 Sam 35:1-5	Ex 11:1-10 Ex 12:1-10 Ex 12:13-15 Ex 12:16-20 Ex 12:21-28 Ex 12:29-32 Ex 12:33-34 Ex 12:35-36 Ex 12:37-38 Ex 12:39-40 Ex 12:41-42 Ex 12:43-44 Ex 12:45-46 Ex 12:47-48 Ex 12:49-50 Ex 12:51-52 Ex 12:53-54 Ex 12:55-56 Ex 12:57-58 Ex 12:59-60 Ex 12:61-62 Ex 12:63-64 Ex 12:65-66 Ex 12:67-68 Ex 12:69-70 Ex 12:71-72 Ex 12:73-74 Ex 12:75-76 Ex 12:77-78 Ex 12:79-80 Ex 12:81-82 Ex 12:83-84 Ex 12:85-86 Ex 12:87-88 Ex 12:89-90 Ex 12:91-92 Ex 12:93-94 Ex 12:95-96 Ex 12:97-98 Ex 12:99-100 Ex 12:101-102 Ex 12:103-104 Ex 12:105-106 Ex 12:107-108 Ex 12:109-110 Ex 12:111-112 Ex 12:113-114 Ex 12:115-116 Ex 12:117-118 Ex 12:119-120 Ex 12:121-122 Ex 12:123-124 Ex 12:125-126 Ex 12:127-128 Ex 12:129-130 Ex 12:131-132 Ex 12:133-134 Ex 12:135-136 Ex 12:137-138 Ex 12:139-140 Ex 12:141-142 Ex 12:143-144 Ex 12:145-146 Ex 12:147-148 Ex 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Crucifixion

Think about the image of Jesus on the Cross

- The cross is an ancient torture device
- Like looking at someone on an electric chair
- Romans were appalled by it
 - The cross shall never come close to a Roman
 - Earliest depiction of Jesus on the cross is a Roman making fun of Christians



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Crucifixion

What led to the Crucifixion?

- Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple, and the faith in the one God
 - Law - Jesus did not abolish the Law but he fulfilled it and gave it its full meaning and proper interpretation
 - Temple - Jesus was accused of being hostile toward the temple. But in fact, he revered it and called it "the house of his Father" (John 2:16); yet, he also foretold its destruction and its fulfillment in His own body
 - Israel's faith - Jesus never contradicted faith in the one God. The difficulty was that the Sanhedrin could not understand the unity of God the Father and God the Son
- All are responsible for the death of the Lord insofar as all have sinned; it cannot be blamed indiscriminately on the Jews



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Crucifixion

Not about appeasing the wrath of God

All about LOVE!

- Suffering of Jesus is real: agony in the garden, scourging at the pillar, crowning with thorns
- But this isn't the emphasis of the gospels

FREE ABANDONMENT TO THE FATHER

-Sacrifice of Isaac

The debt of sin and bringing us into communion with God



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The Last Supper

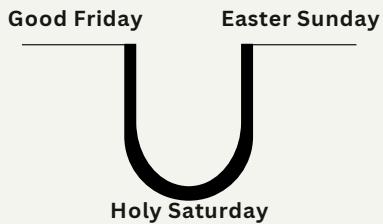
The Paschal Mystery is intimately connected to the Last Supper

- It is Jesus' self-offering
 - ...my Body given...my Blood poured out...
- Instituted the Eucharist as the living "memorial"
 - The Paschal Mystery is made present at every Mass



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U Diagram



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Resurrection

Jesus conquers death

- 3 days in the tomb
- Death could not hold him

Resurrection is a historical reality
- Testament of the apostles

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- If you are going to discredit Jesus, you have to explain away the empty tomb



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Holy Sepulchre

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Ascension

40 days after Easter

Our humanity is now ascended to the right hand of the Father

Acts 1:1



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