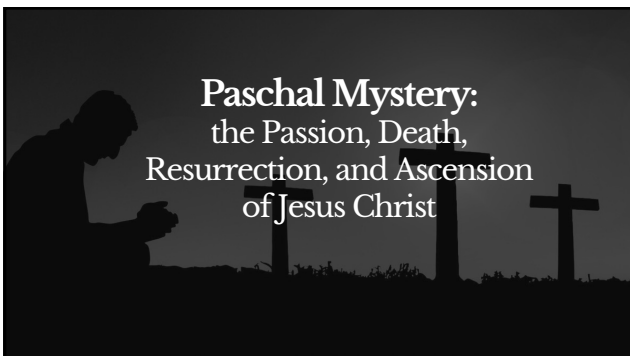
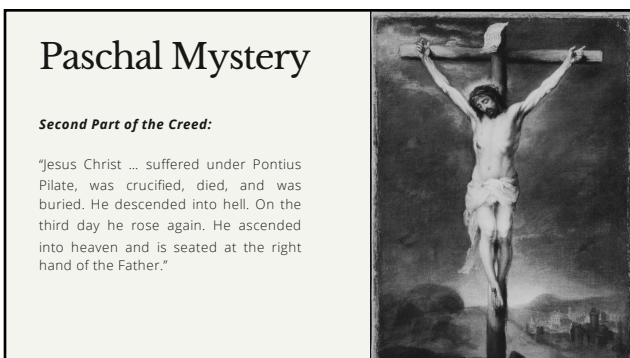


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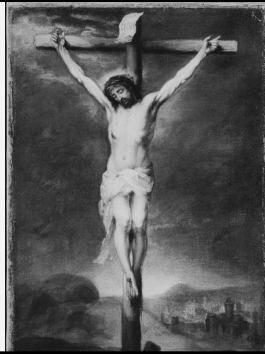
Paschal Mystery

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

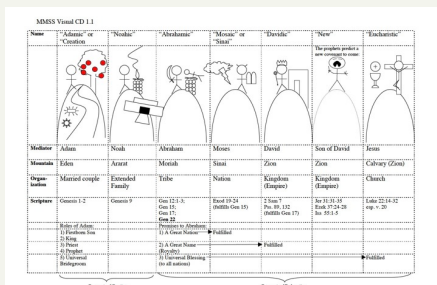
The Exodus Event:

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



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Covenants

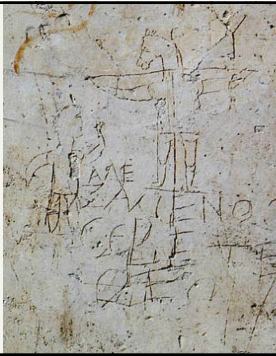


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Crucifixion

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

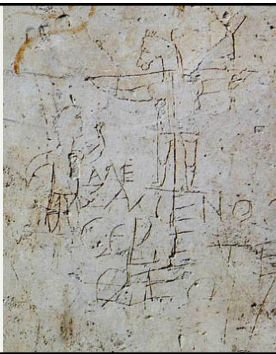


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Crucifixion

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

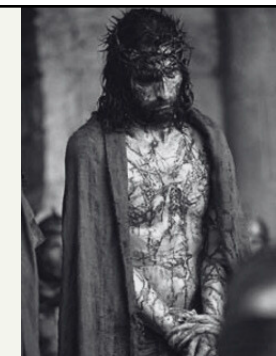
Not about appeasing the wrath of God

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

Good Friday

Easter Sunday



Holy Saturday

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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
- 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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