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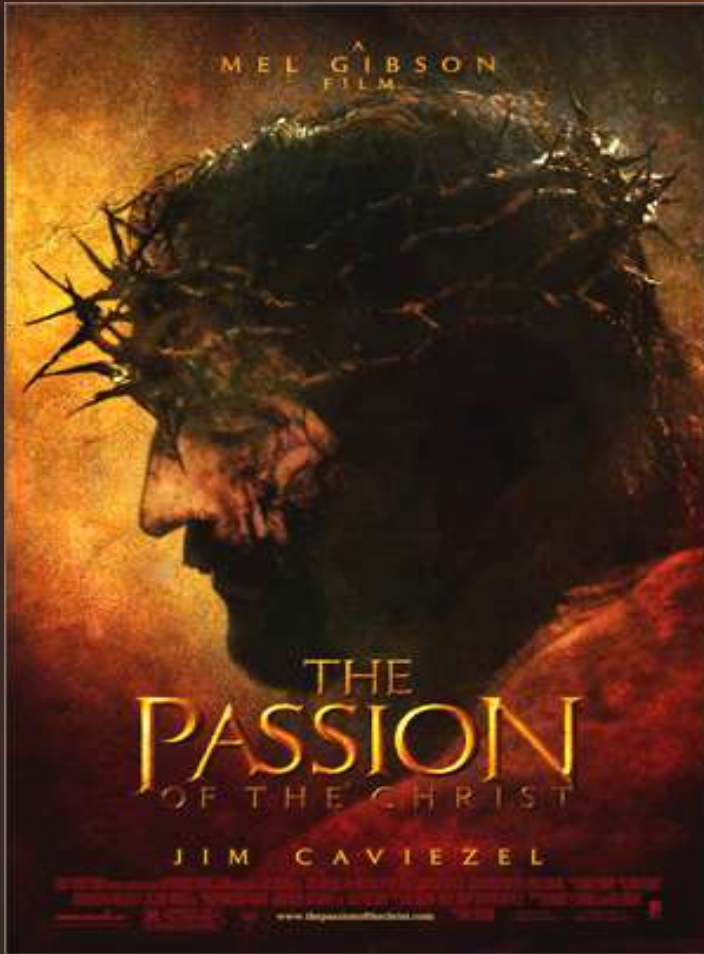
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Mel Gibson's movie . . .

Dealt with the WHAT

Not the WHY



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Sunday, April 13th 10:30AM



*A special lesson to prepare our
minds for the Lord's Supper*

The profound significance
of the events surrounding
Christ's death

Please join us and bring a friend!

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Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

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September 8, 2013


TONIGHT AT 5:00 P.M.



The Nathan Principle #3



*How To Convict the Sincerely
Deceived of Religious Error*



Sunday morning
April 20, 2014

IT'S FRIDAY...BUT
SUNDAY'S COMING!

SPECIAL INVITATION EVENT

Why was it necessary for Christ to die on a cross?



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Cicero and Josephus

- Cicero called crucifixion the "*extreme and ultimate punishment of slaves*", and the "*cruelest and most disgusting penalty, the death of the lingering doom*"
- Josephus called it "*the most pitiable of deaths.*" (*Jewish War* 7:203.)

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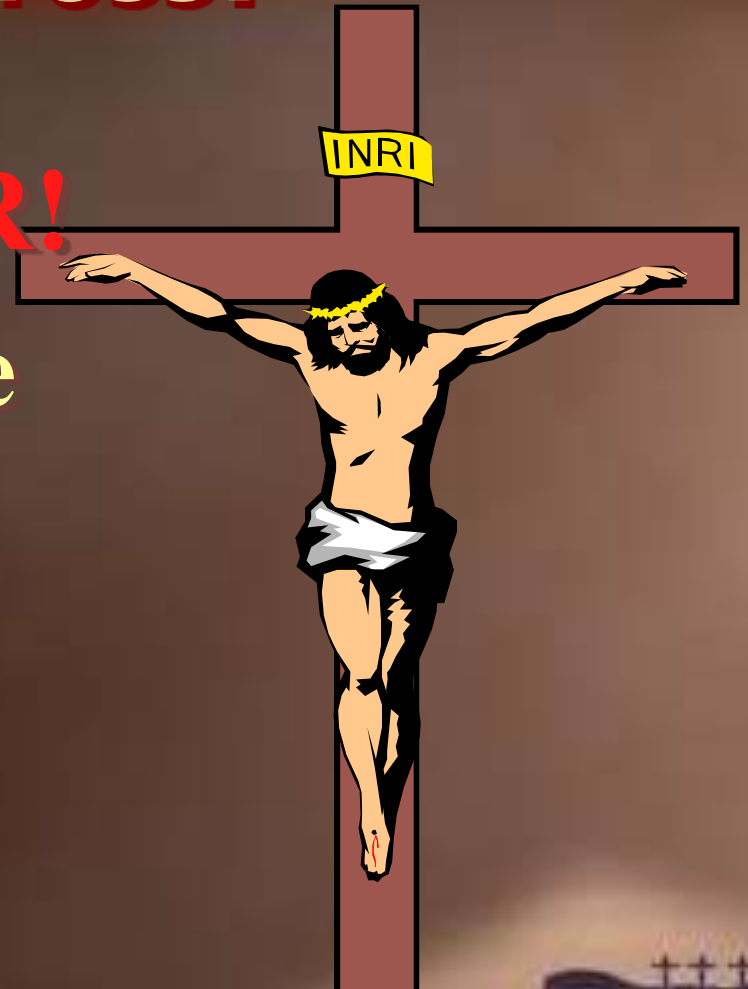
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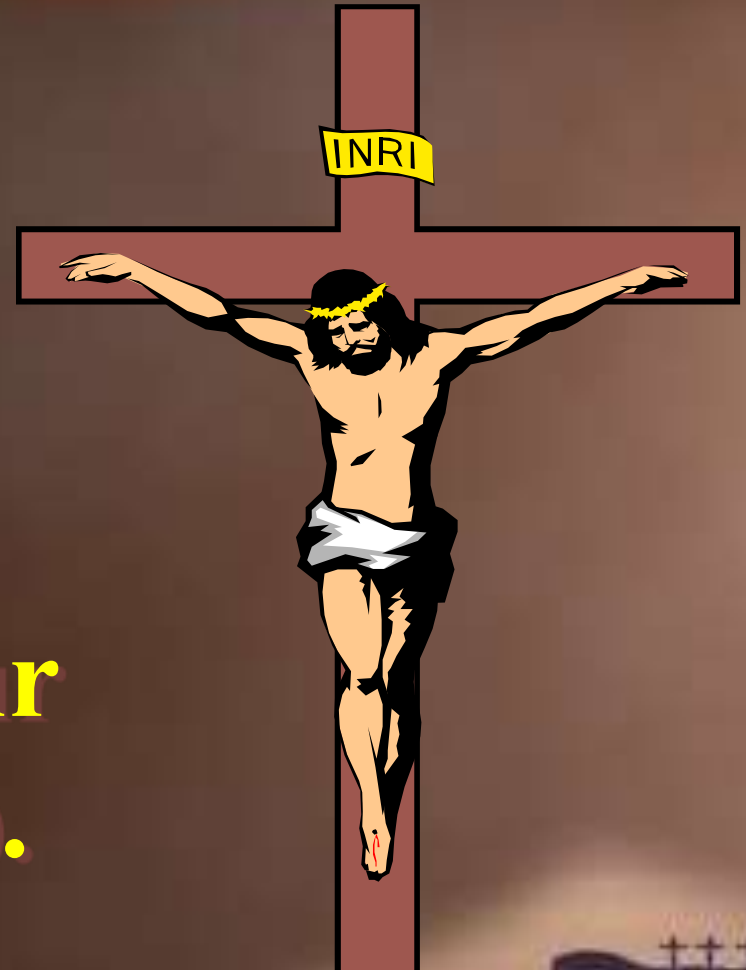
- Because of its **POWER!**
- **JESUS:** “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself” (Jn 12:32).



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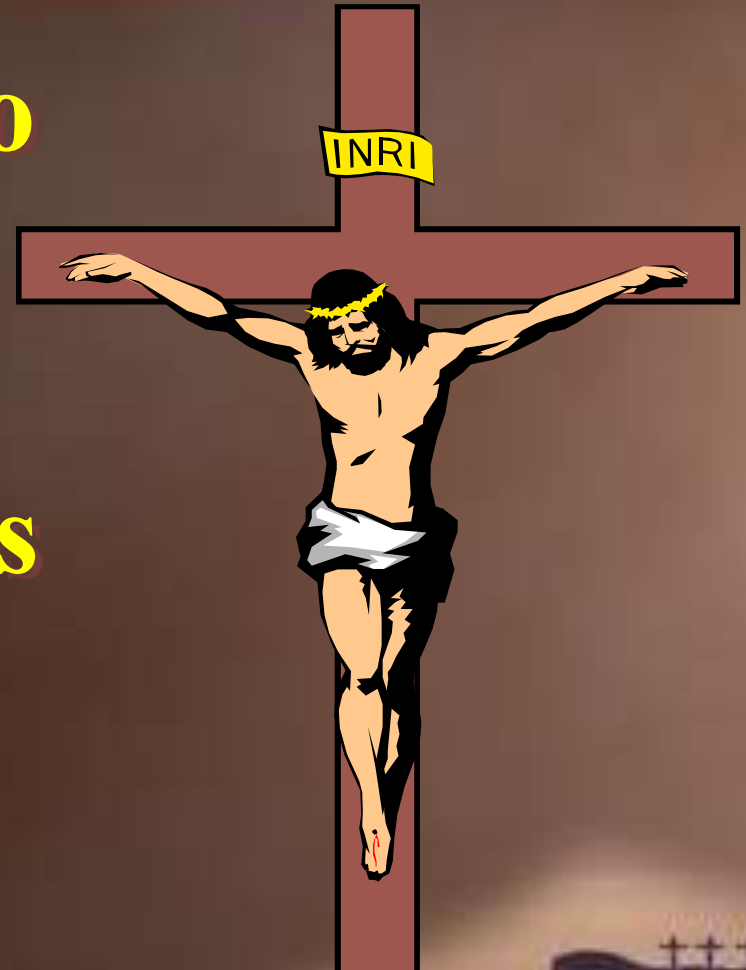
- It demonstrates how **SIN** is awful !
- **PAUL:** “He made Him who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf (2 Cor 5:21).”



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Why was it necessary for Christ to die on a cross?

We must not fall into the trap of focusing so much on the physical that we miss the vital spiritual message!



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THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST

1. Historical Aspect
2. The Miracles &
3. The Events



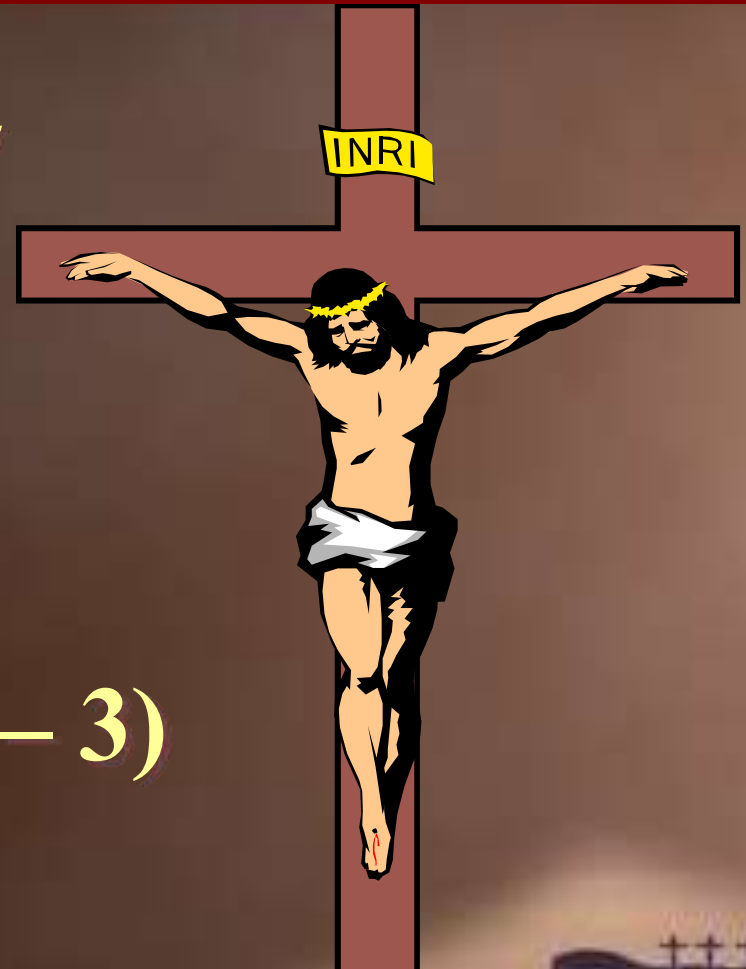
THE HISTORICAL ASPECT

- *Hideous & degrading experience.*

- Longest : 9 days!

- Normal: 36 hours.

- Christ: 6 hours (9 – 3)

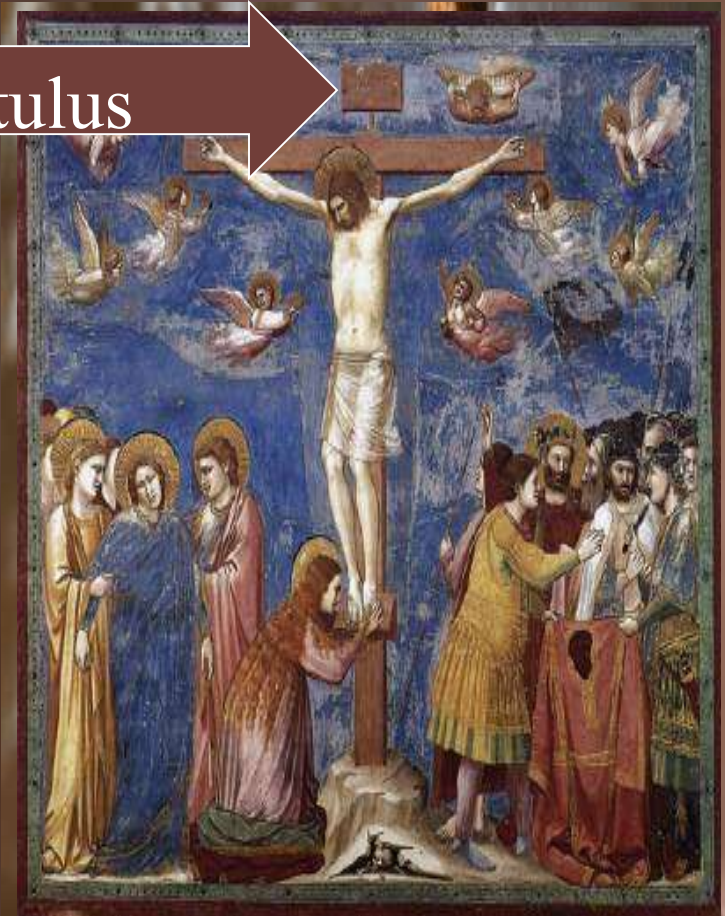


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THE HISTORICAL ASPECT

- A form of *public execution*
- **Titulus** – list the crime
- Parade through the streets.

Titulus



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Via Dolorosa (Latin) (Road of Sorrows)



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THE HISTORICAL ASPECT

Jesus dead after six hours
WHY?

"So, Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, . . . had Jesus scourged and delivered to be crucified" (Mark 15:15b).



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The Historical Aspect

- **The Roman Scourge (Flagrum)**

The Roman scourge, also called the "flagrum" was a short whip made of two or three leather (ox-hide) thongs or ropes connected to a handle. The leather thongs were knotted with a number of small pieces of metal, usually zinc and iron, attached at various intervals. Scourging would quickly remove the skin. According to history the punishment of a slave was particularly dreadful. The leather was knotted with bones, or heavy indented pieces of bronze.



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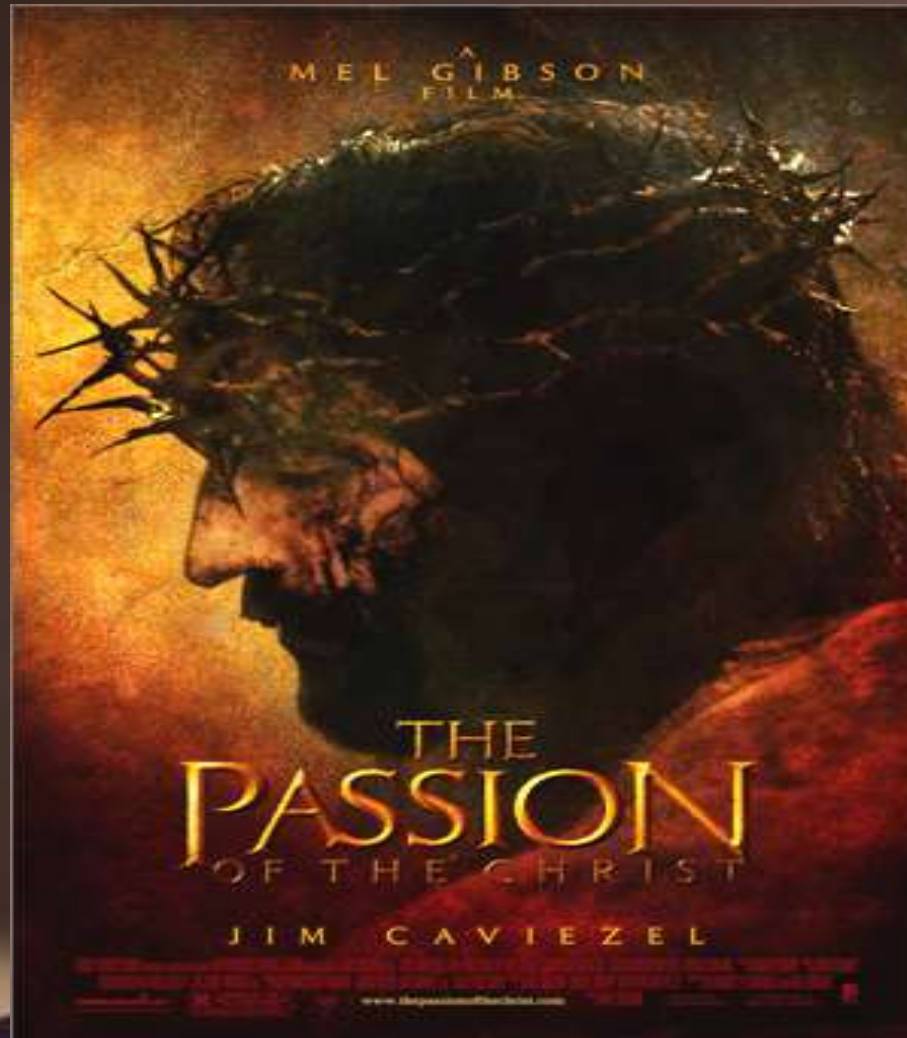
**Jesus dead after six hours
WHY?**

- Been up all night, first at Gethsemane and then through six trials.



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The Crown of Thorns



THE HISTORICAL ASPECT

Jesus dead after six hours
WHY?

The EMOTIONAL
TRAUMA AS HE BORE
THE GUILT OF THE SINS
OF THE WORLD!



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THE MIRACLES OF THE CROSS

THREE HOURS OF DARKNESS

from 12 noon to – 3 pm

(Lk 23:44)

**Meaning: God separates Himself
from Jesus while He bore our sins
(Ezekiel 18:20)!**



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THE MIRACLES OF THE CROSS

THE EARTHQUAKE

“The *earth shook* and the rocks were split” (Matt 27: 51-52).

Meaning: JUDGMENT!



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THE MIRACLES OF THE CROSS

**THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE
WAS TORN FROM TOP TO
BOTTOM (Matt 27:51-52).**

Meaning: DIVINE ACT!

O.T. DONE AWAY!

**THE BARRIER BETWEEN GOD
AND MAN IS BRIDGED BY JESUS**



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THE MIRACLES OF THE CROSS

THE TOMBS WERE OPEN (Matt 27:52).



“The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.”

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THE EVENTS OF THE CROSS

BARABBAS

“So, Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released to them Barabbas; but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified” (Mark 15:15).

Meaning: Guilty man is set free!

Who is Barabbas? You and I

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THE EVENTS OF THE CROSS

TWO THIEVES ON EACH SIDE

“And with Him they crucified two thieves, one on His right hand and one on his left” (Mark 15:27).



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THE EVENTS OF THE CROSS

THE CENTURION

“ When the centurion saw the earthquake and all the things that were done, he feared exceedingly, and said surely, this man was the son of God (Matt 27:54)!



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THE EVENTS OF THE CROSS

STATEMENT OF JESUS

“Jesus said, it is finished, and he bowed his head and gave up His spirit” (Jn 19:30).

**ROMAN BATTLE CRY
OF VICTORY!**



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Come to Jesus for Salvation

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