

Intro Holy Thursday

EXODUS 12:1-8, 11-14 <https://www.persecutionblog.com/2016/09/eid-al-adha-muslims-focus-on-the-lamb.html> {Info on Islam's sharing of the LAMB; EID, pronounced Eed.}

This the foundational story of Israel's relationship to God.

On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household.

If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and ***shall share in the lamb**

in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.

The lamb must be without blemish.

it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.

They shall take some of its blood

and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb.

That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

“This is how you are to eat it:

with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand,

you shall eat like **those who are in flight**.

It is the Passover of the LORD.

. . . **no destructive blow** will come upon you.

*Like the **Blood** of the **Lamb** **protected Israel**,
the **Blood** of **Christ**, here at the Last Supper
eaten Sacramentally (as a **MYSTERY**) but
to be given up **Physically**
on the Cross tomorrow,
will be **HERE to protect** you through all time.*

“This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate.”

Paul's account of the Consecration in this section of Corinthians is the OLDEST recorded account of the words of consecration. Yes, older than the Gospel accounts. Bet you didn't know that. Paul received it from the Lord through the Apostles in Antioch after his conversion.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

[a small anecdote]

I had a BF-GF in my New Testament class. The boy said: “When I go to her church (Methodist) I can have communion, but when she comes to mine, she can't. The WORDS are the SAME?”

“Yes, John,” I said, “the words are the same, but the MEANING of the words is different.”

Continuing on that different understanding of the Eucharist:

An Orthodox Bishop said: **Don't ask me to explain HOW XT is "present" in the Eucharist. I can't explain it; but I can say why believe it.**

{**Eucharist** means "thanks". The modern Greek word for "Thank You" is Eucharistó. In Greek: **εὐχαριστέω**, in modern Greek it's pronounced "efharistO". Spelled the same as Paul spelled it, but pronounce differently. English still spells N-i-g-h-t, but it isn't pronounce "Nikt", is it?}

GOSPEL for the Washing of the FEET John 13:1-15

Seems strange. Washing of FEET? Why not instituting the Eucharist? John covered that in **Chapter 6**

Jesus said: I am the Bread of Life. [this was right after the multiplication of loaves and fishes] and after referring to Manna in the desert –both are FEEDING OF THE PEOPLE!] XT says "The bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." . . .Whoever feed on this bread shall live forever."

*The disciples said: This is **hard to endure**. How can anyone take it seriously?"*

*. . . in v66 . . . from then **many of his disciples broke away and did not remain.***

{If this bread just **reminds** them, why is that **hard to endure?** This is the basis of the belief in the "Real Presence by Catholics/Orthodox and others.}

Here in Chapter 13 John lays it all out. What does he expect his followers to do? **Serve**. This is why HE, XT the Teacher (Rabbi), does the dirtiest job in the household. He washes everyone's feet—even Peter's, who at first says: NO WAY! So typical of Peter.

V 34 If I, therefore, the master and teacher (Rabbi), have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

Xt's message: My followers are to serve, and LOVE, not lord it over others with POWER.

As a note, even today throwing your shoe at someone in the Middle East is the supreme insult! You who are old enough to remember the Iraq war may understand better. Saddam Hussein threw his shoes in anger at someone. Why? People wore and still wear sandals without socks, in the sand and dust.

GOOD FRIDAY

In the Mass itself we have:

Isaiah 52 Think how accurate Isaiah was as he describes **The Suffering Servant**
If he gives his life as an offering for sin, *Xt did*
he shall see his descendants in a long life, *The Church*
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

PSALM 31

Into your hands I commend my spirit; *The Last Words of XT*
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God. *are confidence in the Lord.*

Hebrews 4 and 16

For we do not have a high priest

who is unable to sympathize with our **weaknesses**,. . .

when Christ was in the **flesh**, he offered prayers and supplications with loud **cries** and **tears**, he learned obedience from what **he suffered**; he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel of John 18 & 19:42

Here the translation in John does have Jesus answering the crowd: I AM, not “I am he”. The I AM = Yahweh, which is the name given to Moses. “Which God shall I tell the Pharaoh?” Tell him “The IS God” / “He who IS” sent you—**יהוה** sent you. This is how John has Jesus claim to be Yahweh, God.

[These minor details show the credibility of the account of John, an eye witness.]

v10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. **The slave’s name was Malchus.*** [shows John knew the guy!]
15 Simon Peter and another disciple* followed Jesus. Now the **other disciple [JOHN] was known to the high priest**, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. . . .16 then he went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in.

[John, was there present at the foot of the cross.]

Ch 19 ONLY John mentions the INRI was in ***all 3 languages**. [notice in the videos]
v19 *Pilate also had an inscription written. . . “Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.”*
v20 . . .and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. [like the Via Dolorosa is in 3]
Hebrew, Arabic, and Latin

And ONLY John has:

v23 *the soldiers took his clothes and divided them into ***four shares**, a share for each soldier. [note the specific # 4! more veracity] but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. 24 So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be,” in order that the **passage of scripture [PS 21] might be fulfilled: “They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.”***

ONLY John:

26 *When Jesus saw his mother and ***the disciple there whom he loved**, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”*

[***the disciple . . .loved**. This is a play on the word ‘JOHN’ which means either “One God loves” or “one who loves God.” [Jahweh + Love]

27 *Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.*

John, who is the EYEWITNESS, also writes: v35 ***An eyewitness** {me, John} *has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may believe.*

Some movies to watch

If you have not watched it, here is info on Crucifixion in general, and of XT in particular and a synopsis and the whole movie from Canada, **John of Montreal**.

It would be a wonderful, prayerful, meditation on the Passion, Thursday’s Gospel.
(2003) 7 mins

First: From the movie: **Crucifixion According To John**

Pretty accurate presentation of HOW,
all dialogue is from the actual words in the Bible.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkXGuJY8SmQ>

A review and background of film

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Gospel_of_John_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Gospel_of_John_(film))

The portrayal of Jesus' death in John is unique among the four Gospels.

[Remember **JOHN the Evangelist** was actually there at the Crucifixion! Matthew, Mark, Luke and Paul most likely were NOT.]

It does not appear to rely on atonement theology, where XT sacrifices Himself in our place to atone for our sins (like Mk 10:45, Rom 3:25) but rather presents the death of Jesus as **his glorification** and return to the father. Likewise, the three "passion predictions" of the Synoptic Gospels (Mk 8:31, 9:31, 10:33–34) are replaced instead in John with three times when Jesus explains how he will be **exalted** or "**lifted up**" (Jn 3:14, 8:28, 12:32). The verb for "**lifted up**" reflects the double **entendre** John's uses to explain his theology of the cross, for Jesus is both physically elevated from the earth at the crucifixion but also, at the same time, exalted and glorified. St. Paul does emphasize this same "exalted on the Cross" idea too—in places other than as here in Romans.

So instead of **Either. . . Or**; maybe we can have **Both. . . And!**

If you didn't view it earlier before. A different take on the crucifixion than you've watched in the past.	This next movie is a unique and creative examination of the MEANING of the Passion for YOU and for ME . John's aim in his Gospel was not so much to tell WHAT happened but WHY it happened. That is what this movie does.
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Jesus of Montreal (Crucifixion) dialogue is in French but very effective.
The ****complete** movie is also on YOUTUBE. [2nd link]

First a short excerpt—crucifixion Xt is naked on the cross! Which he most probably was.

Gives great background on how **OFTEN** crucifixion was done.

"Like accidents it always attracted crowds of curious. . ."—like US who see the 'accident' more like viewing a movie, than as **REAL** lives being lost perhaps?. . . as the film presents it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS4ZT28_-GI 5:30 mins

The ****complete** movie is also on YOUTUBE. This is the **complete movie**, w subtitled English. Unusual but, I think, worth the time to watch **PRAYERFULLY** and **THOUGHTFULLY**.

I think you will find that watching it will *lift your heart and mind to God*; real **PRAYING**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiBB14bNINM> 2 hours

Some crude language as it presents Jesus—**TODAY IN MONTREAL**—in our *loose* society now. Maybe looser in the 'French Society' of Montreal? The French do not share our same Puritan-inspired hangups about sex. Same and different? Maybe?

The ordinary people of Montreal—like us—'interested spectators' rather than **believers**.

It starts w Judas! Who is in despair. How à-propos in our world!

A lot on the net about 'suicide rates'.

Note that the characters chosen for their parts **ARE THE LEAST LIKELY!!!**

--an unmarried woman with a child, an **easy** woman, the unfaithful priest, and the non-committal man, perhaps a Xtian in name only, who **IS CALLED AND CHOSEN** to play **CHRIST!** And he accepts the role!

Are we also CALLED AND CHOSEN to play CHRIST? Do we accept? “He never would pick me!” Or are we content to remain *CURIOUS?* Merely “curious” but never signing up to play our part!

Even the regular people in the crowd are more *CURIOUS* than concerned about XT. Sort of like those who go to NASCAR races. How many are concerned about the skill of the driver of pit crew? Most are waiting—expecting, maybe even hoping—for a wreck!!!! The adrenaline rush. Something to break the boredom of day-to-day life.