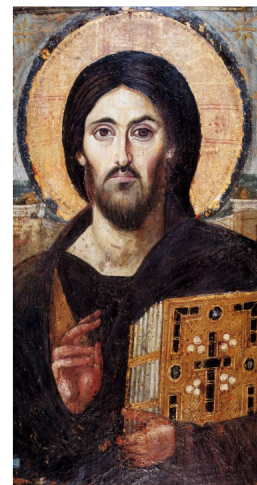


JESUS AND THE GOSPELS #3:

The Crucifixion & Resurrection



Recap:

- The Gospels are **not anonymous**
- Stylistically, they **are historical biographies**
- They should be **dated early**
- Jesus is **Son of Man**, bringing the 5th, everlasting kingdom in the midst of the Roman Kingdom
- Various Gospel stories Jesus suggest that **he claimed to be divine**.

The Crucifixion

“Crucifixion made a statement. There were other forms of Roman capital punishment, such as beheading. Rome reserved crucifixion for two categories of people: chronically defiant slaves and others who challenged Roman rule. What they shared in common was refusing to accept established authority. Crucifixion was designed to be very brutal and very public. Victims were nailed and sometimes also roped to a cross. Death was normally slow and excruciating. The victim was naked and most often it took several days to die. Death resulted from a combination of exposure to heat and cold, exhaustion and respiratory failure. It was as public as possible. Victims were hung up near a city gate or other prominent place where many people would pass by. Jesus could have been killed in a back alley or prison cell if the authorities had simply wanted to get rid of him. But he was crucified precisely because it made a public statement; it said this is what we do to people who oppose us. It was state-sponsored terrorism, imperial terrorism, torture and death as deterrent.”

— Marcus Borg

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.”

— Matthew 5:38,39

“And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”

— Matthew 5:40-42

The Cleansing of the Temple

*On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: **'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'**"*

— Mark 11:15-17

*"This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Stand at the gate of the Lord's house and there proclaim this message: "Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, **"This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!"** If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, **if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood** in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. "Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe"—safe to do all these detestable things? **Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you?** But I have been watching, declares the Lord."*

— Jeremiah 7:1-11

"the chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching."

The Triumphal Entry

"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations."

— Zechariah 9:9,10.

The Resurrection

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."

—1 Corinthians 15

<u>Theory</u>	<u>Why it Doesn't Work</u>
Symbolic myth	
Swoon	
Disciples stole the body	
Hallucination	
Unreliable accounts	

*"For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than **five hundred** brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died."*

Christ's Trans-physicality
