

The Shadow of the Cross

Revelation

13:8

42 cannot let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.
43 "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him," for He said, "I am the Son of God."
44 "Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing."
Jesus Dies on the Cross
45 "Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.
46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"
48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.
49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."
50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.
51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,
52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;
53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
54 "So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

the door of the tomb, and departed, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.
Pilate Sets a Guard
62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,
63 saying, "Sir, we remember while He was still alive, how that He said, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the tomb,' although the last deception will be ours."
64 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make the tomb as secure as you know how."
65 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a guard.
He Is Risen
28 Now after the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb early in the morning.
2 And behold, there was an earthquake, for an angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
3 "His countenance shined like snow,
4 And the guard of him, and became afraid of him, and became as dead men."
5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are crucified."
6 "He is not here, for He has risen as He said."

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1 ^aLuke 24:1-10
^bMatt. 27:56, 61
2 ^aMark 16:5
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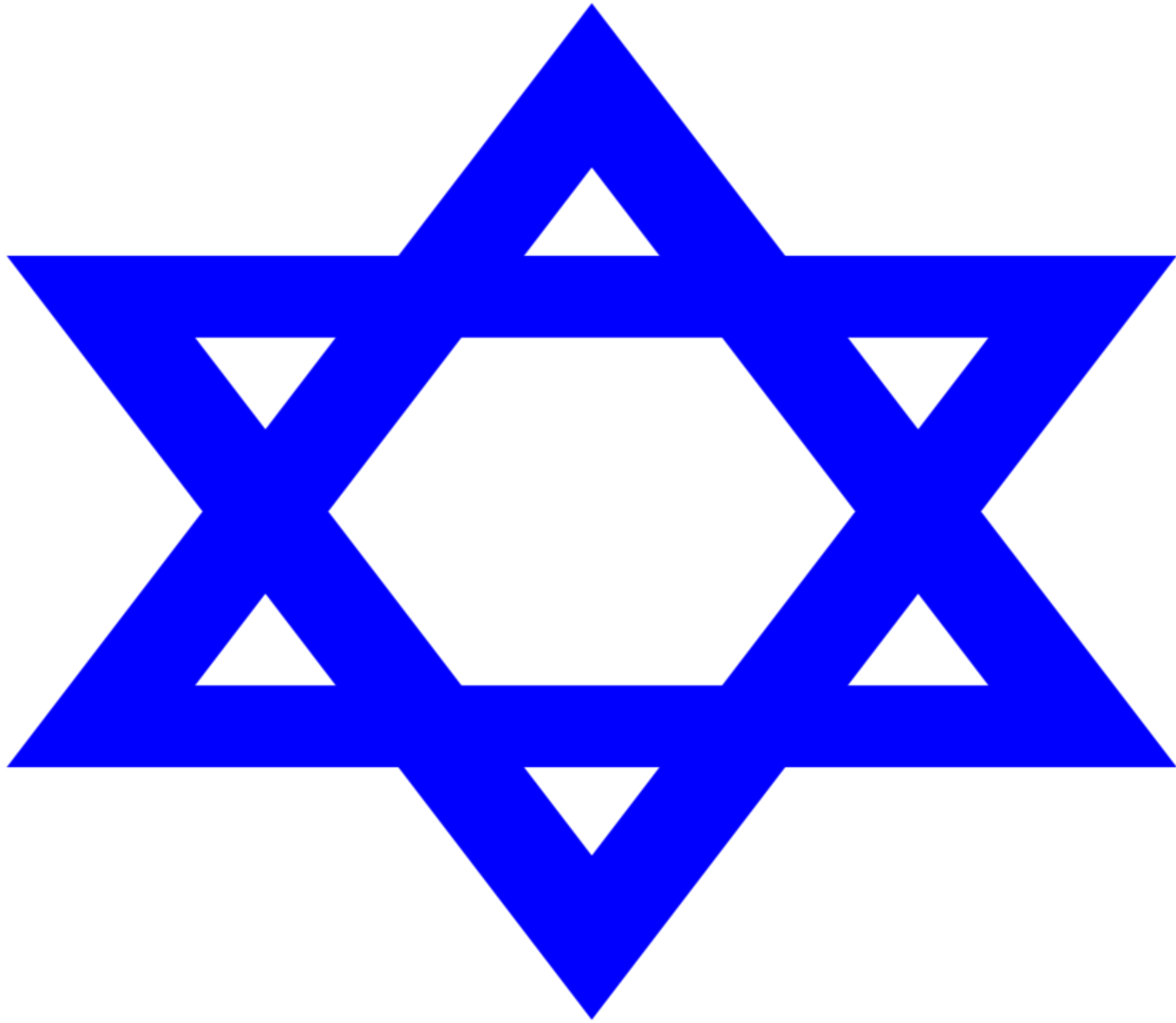


Religious Systems That Represent a Belief

The lotus blossom was a symbol of ancient China and India and Egypt. But over time it became associated with Buddhism

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When you see the Star of David you think of Judaism



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The crescent moon and the star, the symbol of Islam



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Symbols for early Christians was the peacock



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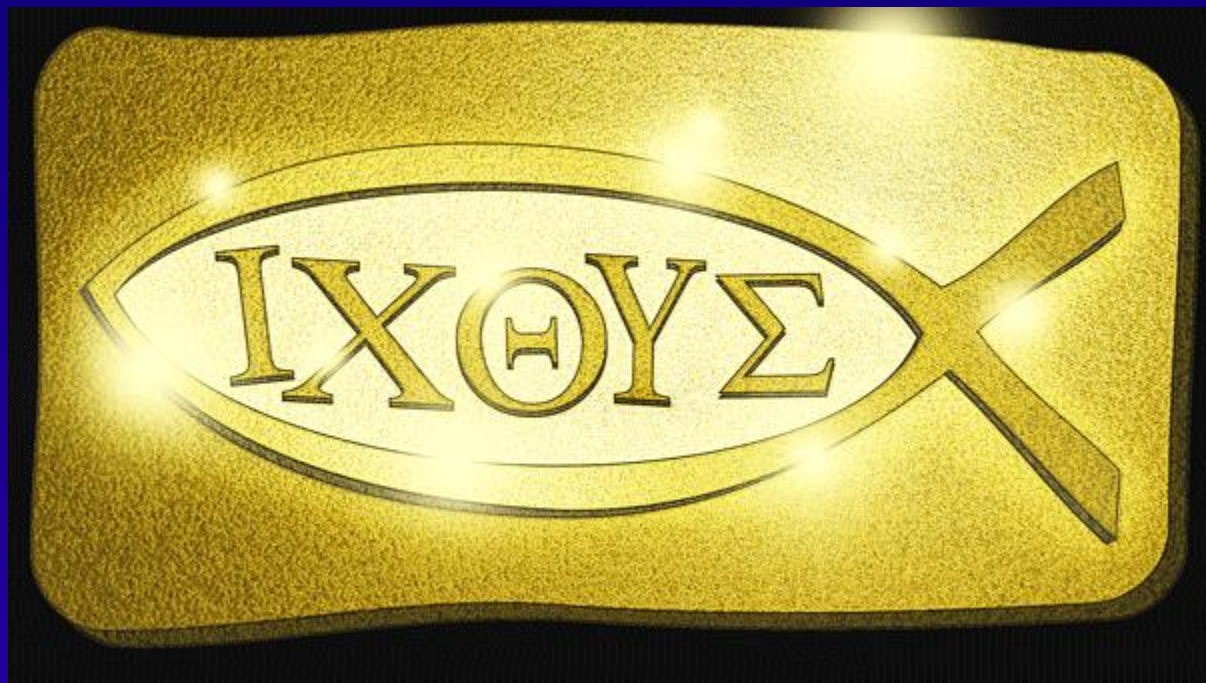
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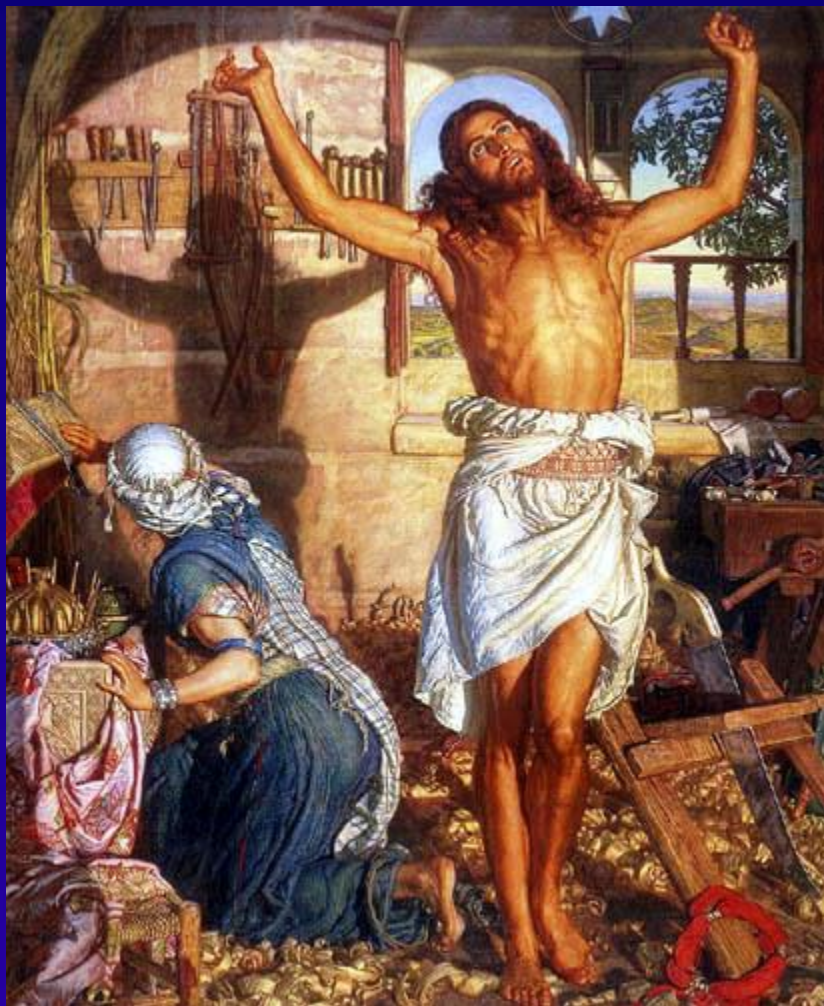
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Five different points of time, as if we're drawing
a timeline of the Shadow of the Cross.

I. Jesus Predicted the Cross

Matthew 16: ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and
upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of
Hades will not overpower it.

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²¹ From that time Jesus began to show His disciples
that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things
from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be
killed, and be raised up on the third day

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²² Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You. ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

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Matthew 17:22- "While they were staying in Galilee,
Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is about to be
betrayed into the hands of men. And they will kill him
and the third day he will be raised up.' And they were
exceedingly sorrowful."

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John 3-, the Lord said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent
in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted
up"

John 7:30: "They sought to take him but his hour had
not yet come."

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John 13:1 "Jesus knew that his hour had come that he
should depart from the world."

John 17: 1 "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your
Son that your Son may also glorify you."

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Oswald Chambers "All of heaven, all of heaven is
interested in the cross of Christ. And all hell is terribly
afraid of it. While men are the only beings who more
or less ignore its meaning."

II. Jesus' Forerunner Predicted the Cross

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist three and a half years before the cross.

He was the forerunner of Christ.

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‘This one is going to be identified with sinful people, not yell at them, he's going to identify with them.’ So he baptizes him.

The Holy Spirit comes in the form of a dove. A dove was offered as a sacrifice by poor people instead of a Lamb.

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III. Visitors at His Birth Predicted the Cross

The angelic hosts they said to the shepherds, "There is born to you this day in the city of David a savior who is Christ the Lord."

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"Rest well tiny hands for though you belong to a king,
you will touch no satin, you will own no gold, you will
grab no pen, you will guide no brush. No, your tiny
hands are reserved for works more precious.

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To touch a leper's open wound, to wipe a widow's
weary tear, to claw the ground of Gethsemane. Your
hands, so tiny, so tender, so white; clutch tonight in an
infant's fist

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but they are not destined to hold a scepter nor to wave from a palace balcony. They are reserved instead for a roman spike that will staple them to a Roman cross.

IV. The Prophets Predicted the Cross

The Old Testament, there are 300+ predictions of who the Messiah would be, where he'd come from, where he'd be born, what he would accomplish, how he would live his life. And some of those include his suffering and death. The Jews had always believed in a coming Messiah.

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The typical prayer: "I believe in the coming of Messiah. And even though he tarries, yet I will wait every coming day."

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Matthew 26:56 - "All of this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus

The very first mention in the Bible of the word love is Genesis 22 where God says, "Take now your only son whom you love."

V. The Godhead Predicted His Death

Revelation 13:8 - "The book of life is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth."

The cross was not Plan B

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I Peter 1: "We're saved by the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish and spot; indeed he was foreordained before the foundation of the world."

Ephesians 1:4 "You were chosen in him before the foundation of the world."

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