

**Resurrection Sunday**  
*“Three Days That Changed  
The World”*

**Matthew 28: 1-8**

**April 4, 2021**

# The History of Crucifixion:

According to Herodotus, the Persians invented crucifixion, and the Romans perfected it

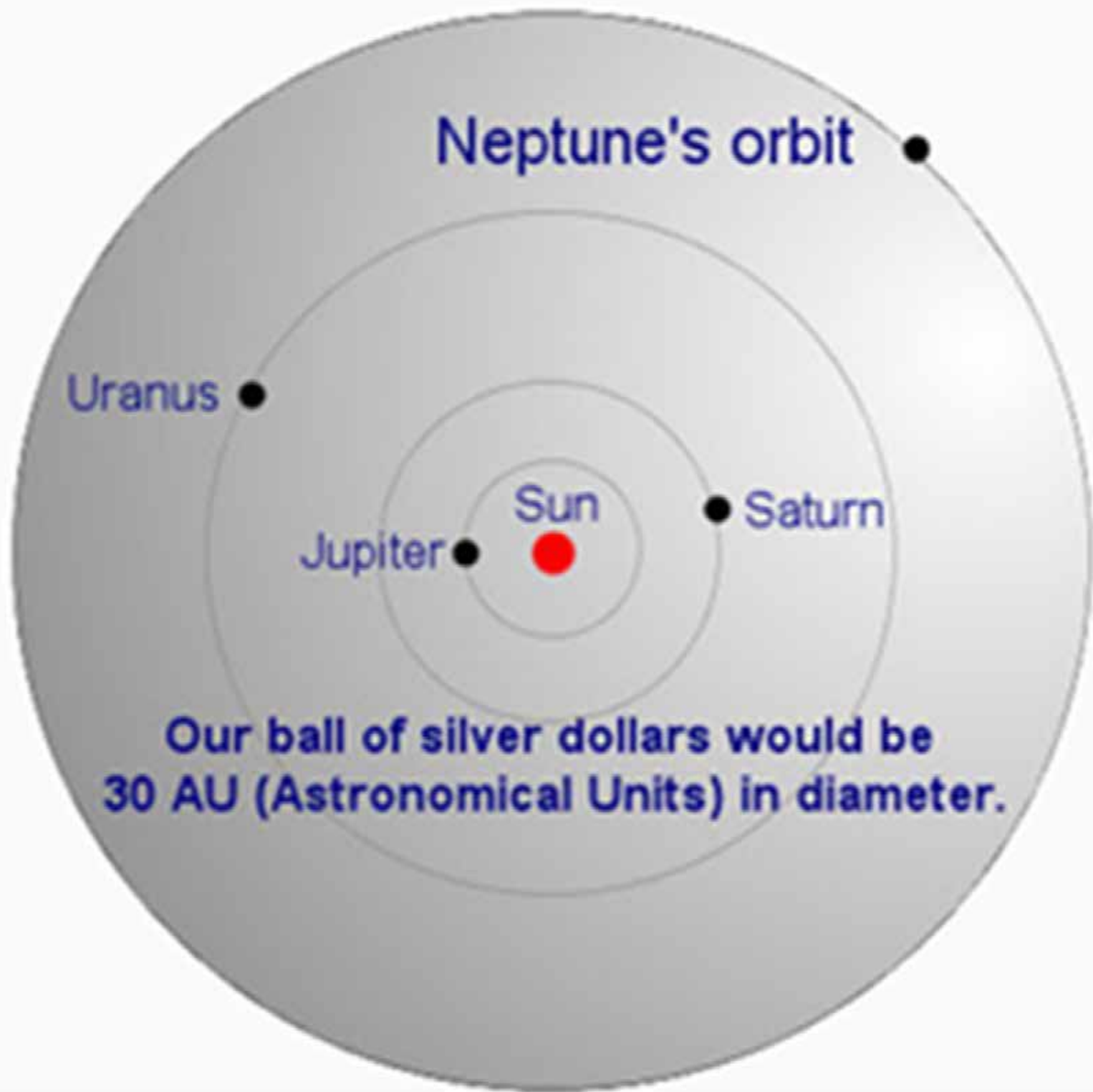


- Fulfilled prophecy assuages *(appeases)* doubt
- Doubt is not disbelief

## What is doubt?

*To waiver in an opinion*

- Unbelief is a ***determined resistance*** to God



Neptune's orbit

Uranus

Sun

Jupiter

Saturn

Our ball of silver dollars would be  
30 AU (Astronomical Units) in diameter.

# Why such a horrific death?

*To pay my sin debt; it was the only way mankind could be reconciled to God*

Romans 5: 9-10

Reconciled = brought into right relationship with God; *God has withdrawn His wrath*

***JESUS DID THIS FOR YOU!!***

Isaiah 53: 3-6

Jesus died in my place and took all the wrath of God, that I deserved, on Himself

Theologians use the term - *“propitiation”* - 1 John 2: 2

Propitiation = *“hilasmos”* = an acceptable sacrifice pacifying the wrath of God

**The awfulness of the Cross dealt  
with the awfulness of my sin:**

**When all of our sins were  
poured out on Jesus, the sun  
went dark - Mark 15: 33-34**





Jesus, in His agony, felt the  
consequence of taking all our sins,  
*past, present and future!!*

The Centurion guarding Jesus  
got it! - Matthew 27: 54

**“Truly this was the Son of God!”**



**The awfulness of the Cross was  
*CHRIST'S VICTORY!!***

**Paul tells us that the cross  
spelled the ultimate doom of  
Satan - Colossians 2: 15**

# SUMMARY:

Christ's death, in our place,  
pacified the wrath of God

Believing sinners are made  
friends of God

Christ's death assured the victory  
over Satan! ***CHRISTUS VICTOR!***

# The Resurrection - Matthew 28: 1-8

If Jesus did not raise from the dead, He would simply be another Messianic imposter

Jesus predicted His resurrection  
11 times

Three examples: Matthew 16: 21

Matthew 17: 9

Matthew 26: 32

# The Tomb was guarded and sealed

## Matthew 27: 65



# The Guards reaction at the Empty Tomb - Matthew 28: 2-4

*“ . . . shook for fear, . . . became like dead men ”*

**They were stunned and terrified by the resurrection**



**There was Eyewitness Testimony to  
the Resurrection (*12 events*)**

***All* were changed!**

***None* recanted!**

***All* died believing **HE IS RISEN!!****

# FALSE THEORIES OF THE EMPTY TOMB:

1) The Swoon Theory - Christ never died on the cross

## Mortis Triad (*J. Warner Wallace*)

1) Algor Mortis = loss of temperature

2) Rigor Mortis = rigidity

3) Livor Mortis = fluid pooling in dependent areas

# FALSE THEORIES OF THE EMPTY TOMB:

2) The Theft Theory - The disciples stole the body

3) The Hallucination Theory - They thought they saw the resurrected Jesus

4) The Mistaken Identity Theory - Someone impersonated Jesus

**No matter what people conjure up, no matter how many people deny:**

- 1) Jesus died on the cross**
- 2) Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb and rose on the third day**
- 3) There was eyewitness testimony to the resurrection**
- 4) The disciples went from fleeing, frightened, followers to heroes**
- 5) Many died fulfilling the Great Commission**

# Foxe's Book of Martyrs:

## THE TWELVE APOSTLES:

1. Andrew - crucified
2. Bartholomew - beaten then crucified
3. James, son of Alphaeus - stoned to death
4. James, son of Zebedee - beheaded
5. John - exiled for his faith; died of old age
6. Judas (not Iscariot) - stoned to death
7. Matthew - speared to death
8. Peter - crucified upside down
9. Philip - crucified
10. Simon - crucified
11. Thomas - speared to death

## **We must know:**

**Because Jesus lives, you, too, shall live - John 14: 19**

## **The Facts:**

**- Jesus' resurrection conquered death**

**1 Corinthians 15: 24**

**Hebrews 2: 14**

**- Billions of lives have been changed**

## The Facts:

- It all started with Jesus and the 12
- Today, in our world, there are over 2 billion people who claim to be Christians
- When Jesus touches a life, *nothing is ever the same!*

**CLOSING: *THREE DAYS THAT  
CHANGED THE WORLD***

**Everyone must deal with the claims  
of Jesus**

**Josh McDowell has it right:**

***“Either Jesus is a liar, a lunatic  
or Lord”***



## On the Cross:

Jesus suffered, paid the price for my sins, *His life for my life!*

## On the Cross:

Believers were purchased, the price was paid in full, *God's wrath was satisfied!*

## The Resurrection:

Christ was victorious over sin and death!

## The Resurrection:

Jesus crushed the serpent's head

Genesis 3: 15

## The Resurrection:

Christ is *Christus Victor!*  
Victor over Satan and death!

The Resurrection: Assures that  
believers will be raised to Eternal Life

*“Because I live, you will live also”*

**Now you can see why Paul said in  
1 Corinthians 15: 54b-55:**

*“Death is swallowed up in victory”*

*“O Death, where is your sting?*

*O Hades, where is your victory?”*

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***AND CHANGED ME!***



# HE IS RISEN

*Mark 16:9*