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GOOD FRIDAY??

In 325 A.D. Roman Emperor Constantine I called the church to a council in Nicaea (modern day Turkey). The primary purpose was to codify church doctrine and practice. Constantine himself presided over the opening of it and took part in the discussions and decisions. Pope Sylvester I did not even attend.

The church was very antisemitic calling Jews “Christ killers.” They wanted nothing to do with Jewish customs or the Biblical feasts. They wanted to distance themselves. They wanted everything to be uniquely “Christian” including all religious holidays. It was at this council, best known for the Nicene Creed, that the holidays of Christmas and Easter were established. Good Friday then came along.

More to come about Easter in tomorrow’s writing. Today, April 10, 2020, is Good Friday. However, it should have been Good Wednesday this week because the “Friday” teaching is fallacious. Anyone who understands the Bible about Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Feast of First Fruits, plus Jesus’ “sign of Jonah” about a full three days and three nights knows that crucifixion on a Friday was literally impossible. Unfortunately, the church teaches that if there is a clear conflict or contradiction between the Bible and the Church traditions, one should choose to believe Church tradition over God’s word, because “the Church knows best.” Yes, one of the early Church Cardinals actually wrote this in a dissertation that was accepted by the church.

When the Protestant Reformation came, over a thousand years later, these teachings had become so entrenched that the earliest Protestant Churches accepted these traditions without question.

If you don’t understand why I have said this, go back and read my message from two days ago (April 8 entitled “Passover Lamb is Slain.”) That will explain the Biblical sequence.

If you wish to observe “Good Friday” I have no problem with it; you are honoring Christ’s sacrifice of himself. Just understand that you are following man’s tradition (church tradition) instead of God’s own word.

Any means by which we can honor and glorify Jesus Christ for His suffering, death, and resurrection is good when we do it with the right spirit and the right heart.