

# When Was Jesus Crucified?

## Context! Context! Context!

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**C**AN you make the Bible say whatever you want? Sure you can! As long as you are *dishonest* with the Scriptures you can make the Bible say virtually anything. And the way that most people usually accomplish this—is—by taking Scriptures completely *out of context*. For example, did you know that Jesus Christ commanded us to commit suicide? You didn't know that? Sure He did. Just look at the two quotes listed below. Both were taken straight out of the Bible!

*Matthew 27:5*—Then Judas “went and hanged himself.”

*Luke 10:37*—Then Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.”

Now you're probably thinking to yourself: “How ridiculous! Of course Jesus didn't command us to commit suicide! You are taking two Scriptures completely out of context—as if one Scripture directly followed the other—when in reality they are in two totally different sections of the Bible! Then you put them together as if they belonged together—when in fact they have absolutely nothing to do with each other!”

Excellent! You're right! You weren't fooled!

Jesus of course NEVER commanded anyone to commit suicide. For if you look at the CONTEXT of Luke 10:37 you will immediately notice that Jesus had just finished telling the story about “the good Samaritan” (the man who went out of his way to help a stranger in need). So when Christ told the people to “go and do likewise,” He was just instructing them to follow the example of the “good Samaritan.” His statement of course had *nothing* to do with Judas hanging himself.

So, you weren't fooled. Good. But do you realize that *you have been fooled* concerning many other Biblical topics? What I did above (with Matthew 27:5 and Luke 10:37) is EXACTLY what many people—*especially ministers*—do ALL the time! Yet most people are completely oblivious to it!

For example, look at **Luke 24:21**. In this Scripture two disciples of Jesus are walking to the town of Emmaus on a *Sunday* afternoon when one of them states: “**THESE THINGS happened three days ago.**” So what exactly happened three days ago? Well, what many people do is this: After reading verse 21 they will then go to a different part of the Bible and quote a verse from that section of the Bible to supposedly prove what “*these things*” are (very similar to what I did to “prove” that Jesus wants us to hang ourselves). How RIDICULOUS! If you want to know what “*these things*” are—just look at the CONTEXT! The previous Scripture (verse 20) gives us the answer! If you read that particular Scripture (verse 20) you will quickly notice that verse 21 is *obviously* referring to the condemning and crucifying of Jesus Christ. That's right—Jesus was condemned and crucified three days prior to that particular Sunday—that's what happened “three days ago!”

Now, most people don't want to accept that Christ was crucified three days prior to that particular Sunday. Why? Because that would mean that Jesus was crucified on a THURSDAY. That's right—a Thursday! Not “Good Friday” as many people believe, or even Wednesday as a few others believe, but Thursday! Therefore, most people simply refuse to accept this plain and simple FACT from the Bible.

Instead, they want to hold on to their cherished fairy tales. For that's what both a "Good Friday" crucifixion and a Wednesday crucifixion are—*they are nothing but fairy tales!*

So, do you still want to continue to believe that Jesus was killed on a *Friday*? No problem! Just find a Scripture somewhere else in the Bible that describes an event that occurred the day **BEFORE** Christ's crucifixion, then quote that particular Scripture right after you quote Luke 24:21. Then state that this event (the event that occurred the day *before* the crucifixion) is what Luke 24:21 is *really* referring to. And there you go! You have just "proven" from the Bible that Jesus was crucified on a *Friday*. Nice job!

Well, how about a *Wednesday* crucifixion? Perhaps you are one of those who believe that Christ was killed on a Wednesday. You surely don't want to give up this treasured belief—do you? No problem! This time just find a Scripture somewhere else in the Bible that describes an event that occurred the day **AFTER** Christ's crucifixion—then quote that particular Scripture right after you quote Luke 24:21. Then state that this event (the event that occurred the day *after* the crucifixion) is what Luke 24:21 is *really* referring to. And presto! Now you have just "proven" from the Bible that Jesus was crucified on a *Wednesday*. Congratulations!

Are you laughing? Well, you shouldn't be—because that is precisely what many ministers actually do with this particular Scripture in Luke—to supposedly "prove" that Jesus was crucified on a day other than Thursday. Of course this is total NONSENSE and is *just as absurd* as the example I gave at the beginning of this article to supposedly "prove" that Jesus commanded us to commit suicide. *Both are taking Scriptures totally out of context.* Therefore *both* are completely FALSE! (And ministers do this with many other Biblical topics as well!!)

So, why aren't people *willing* to accept the SIMPLE FACT that Jesus was crucified on a *Thursday*? Well, perhaps because it goes against what they have always believed in, or because it goes against what their church teaches, or because it goes against what a trusted and respected minister or priest has told them, etc. But regardless of exactly why people are deceived, they (as well as you and I) will continue to be deceived until we finally STOP believing what PEOPLE tell us and instead start believing what the *Bible* tells us! When we finally do that—when we finally start *truly* believing what the BIBLE tells us, then we will be well on our way to finding the truth. But until we do so, we will continue to be deceived.

So, how about YOU? Are you ready to discover the TRUTH concerning the Bible? If so, just remember: **Context! Context! Context!** You must always carefully examine the context! *Otherwise, you will be deceived!*

If you would like to learn more about the crucifixion (*and* RESURRECTION) of Jesus Christ—just go to the website listed below and download (for **FREE**) the book, "When Was Jesus Crucified?" I sincerely believe that you will find this book to be quite *fascinating!*

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