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A. If you go to Vietnam in December. Communist country—you'll seeChristmas everywhere. They don't believe in Jesus. But they like Christmas.



THAILAND--king's birthday was December 5, lights up everywhere. Now they just keep them up for Christmas. They're Buddhist. They don't believe in Jesus. But they like Christmas. Just want Jesus to make money.



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B. JEWS. If you want to believe in Jesus just



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PRAGER, famous man on talk radio. Had a big debate between him and a Christian. He's written great books about God.



ISLAM—A pastor talked to a priest, an Imam in Singapore. "It's OK to believe in Jesus. But don't say He is God. That's very bad." Making Jesus small.



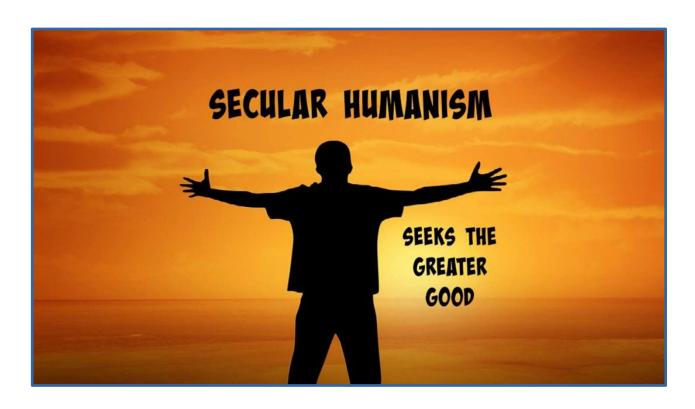
HINDUISM. You want to believe in Jesus, OK. They will talk about how they love Jesus. But He's just 1 out of maybe 330 million gods.



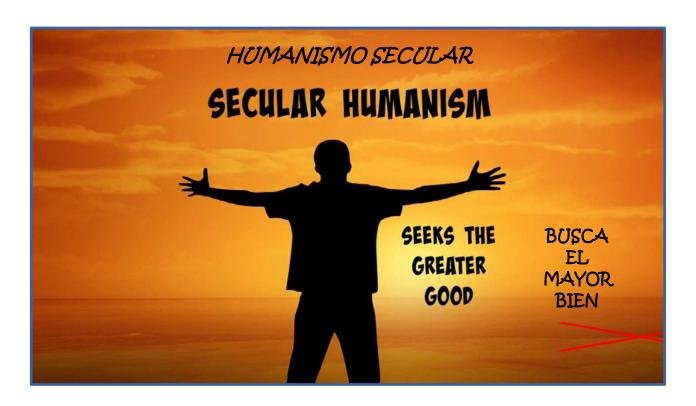
Just one out of Vishnu, Shiva, Krishna, all the others.
Nothing special. Not the one that the whole world should be looking to, worshiping. Worship all of them. Bow down to idols to all of them.



They'll say, "We love Jesus. We respect Jesus." But He's just one of many. Making Jesus small.



C. SECULAR HUMANISM. We just don't need Jesus anymore. Maybe we needed Jesus before. But not now. We've grown up. We have science.



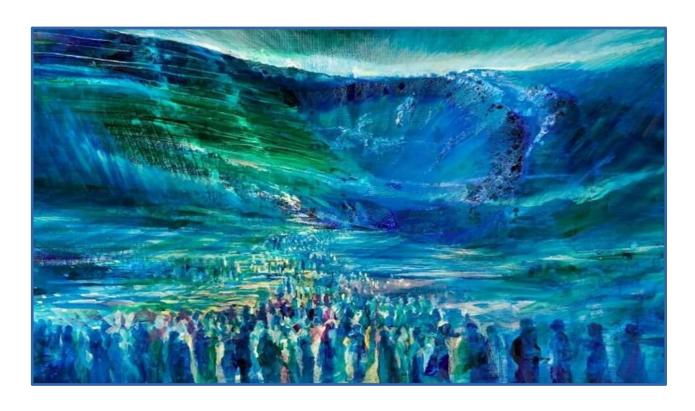
We can go to the moon. We have computers. We have good medicine. We've got money. We can figure things out on our own.



The whole Christmas story. Pretty story. It's OK to have Christmas trees and lights and Santa Claus everywhere. Christmas concerts. But it's not really true. Just a story, like CINDERELLA, BEAUTY & the BEAST.



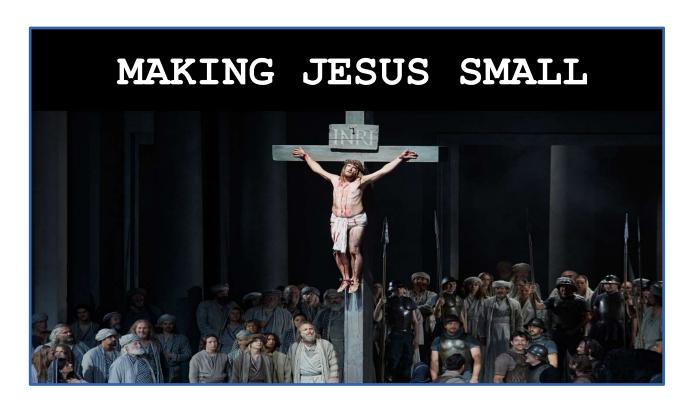
Stories like the sun stopping.



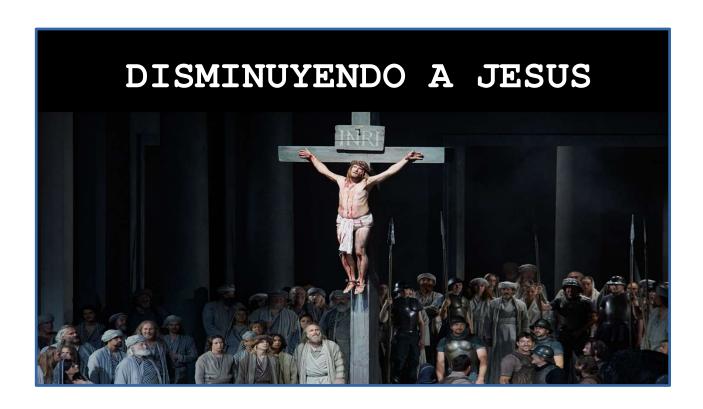
Red Sea opening up. Nice stories. Never actually happene4d.



TONY CAMPOLO, famous prtacher, been to La Sierra. Son, BART CAMPOLO, pastor for 30 years. Son doesn't believe any of it anymore. Don't need Jesus.



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A pastor was in Europe. At a restaurant they met this girl. 16 yeas old. Pretty. Smart. Spoke English perfect. President of the students at her high school.



"Why did you choose Prague?" They asked her, "What's your religion?" "Don't need religion. It's OK for you, but I don't need it." Religion is just an idea, some stories you come up with if you need them. But we're grown up now. We're modern people. Don't need religion anymore.



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I. MARY: A. You can go to a lot of Catholic churches. Love them. They're high, stained glass, you can light candles.



People have a small village, but, first thing, they raise all this money, put up a cathedral for God.



So, they pray to Mary, ask MARY to pray to Jesus for them. Jesus is up there on the Cross, willing to die for people, but not willing to answer their prayers for forgiveness? THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

"Can you say a special prayer for me?"

B. People ask me, "Can you say a special prayer for me?" I'm happy to pray for them.

"Podrías hacer una oración especial por mi?"

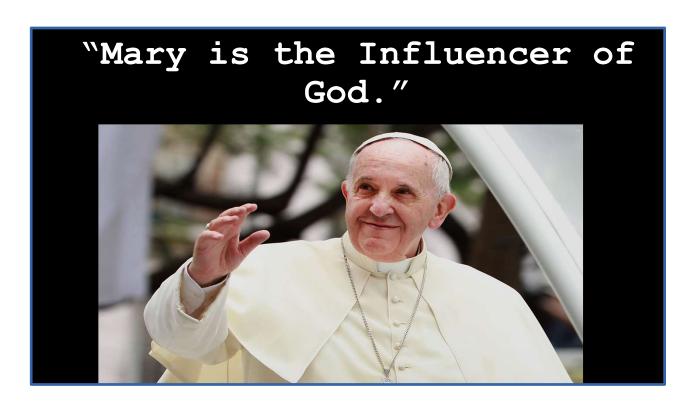
But they're thinking that I'm closer to God, God more likely to hear my prayer than theirs. No, no, no!

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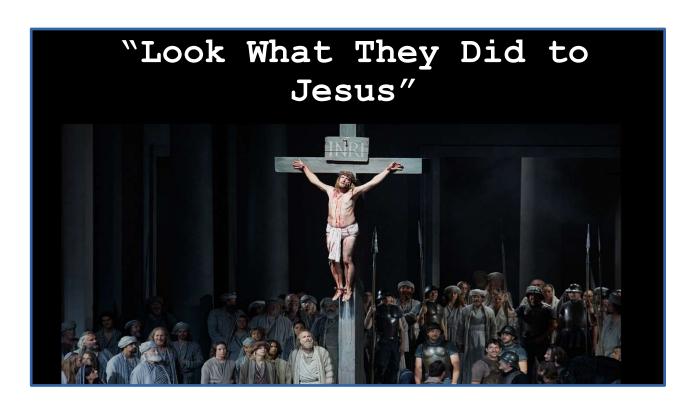
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The POPE said a while ago, "Mary is the influencer of God." NO, NO, NO!



Mary is not better than God. Mary is not more on your side than God. Mary cannot make God better than He already is.



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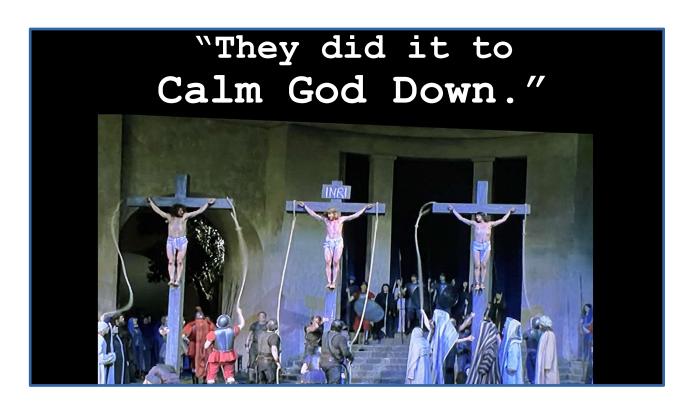
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II. The BEASTS AND THE CHARACTER OF GOD: A. We're studying Revelation, and in Revelation there are BEASTS.



Let's just say this as clearly as we can



A group recently went to the PASSION PLAY in Germany. Why did they start that? The Black Plague. People were dying everywhere.



They thought it was a punishment from God. So they made a vow, that if God would stop the plague in their village, they would do this drama about Jesus and the Cross every ten years.



C. But give me 1 minute to make my case that the main issue with the BEASTS is the Character of God.



DANIEL 7:25 "He will speak against the Most High."

2 Tesalonicenses 2:10
"Se pierden, por cuanto no amaron la verdad."

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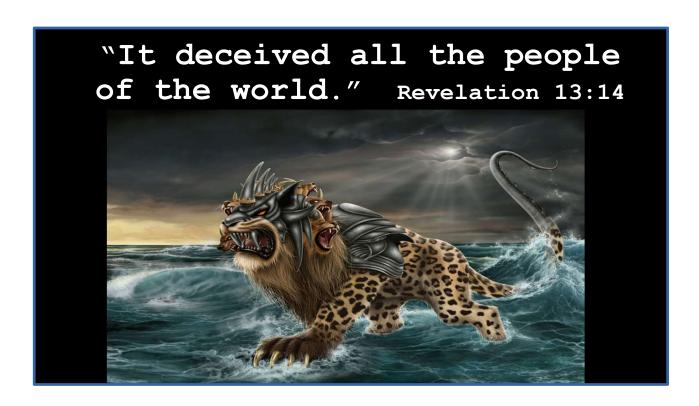
JOHN 17:3

"'Esta es la vida eterna, que me conozcan a Mí.'"

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In Revelation, talking about the SEA BEAST that comes out of the ocean, REVELATION 13:6 "It opened its mouth to blaspheme God and to slander His Name."



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MATTHEW 24:4 "'Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My Name.'"



REVELATION 14:5 "No lie was in their mouths."



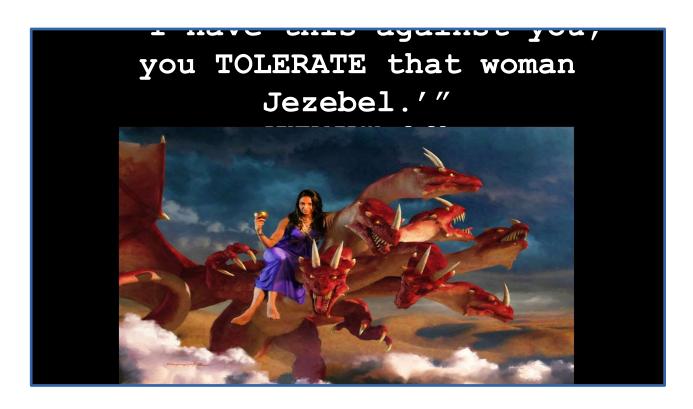
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I want to be in that group. I don't want to believe a single thing wrong about God.



E. Jesus said to the church at THYATIRA, REVELATION 2:20 "'I have this against you, "You tolerate that woman Jezebel.""



E. That might be the same as the prostitute in Rev. 17. This is the Beast. There are some things that you just cannot tolerate. Some things you have to take a stand.

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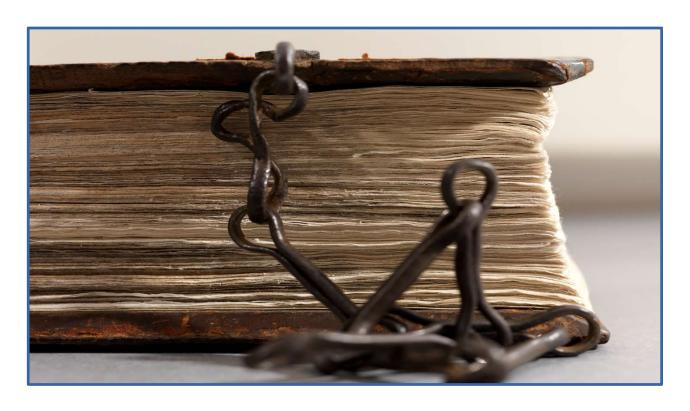
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Who can this be? Has to be the Church of the MIDDLE AGES. There's only one church for 1000 years.



Almost nobody has a Bible. The Bible's only in Latin. I want to be careful about blaming anybody. There's no Bible.



There's an old movie, this guy is driving down the streets of Chicago, and he's blind!



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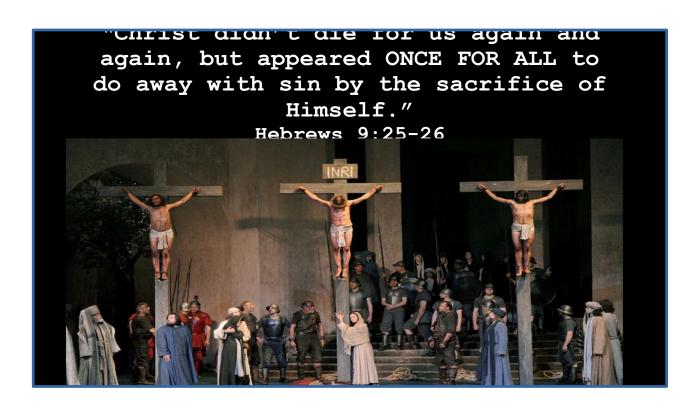
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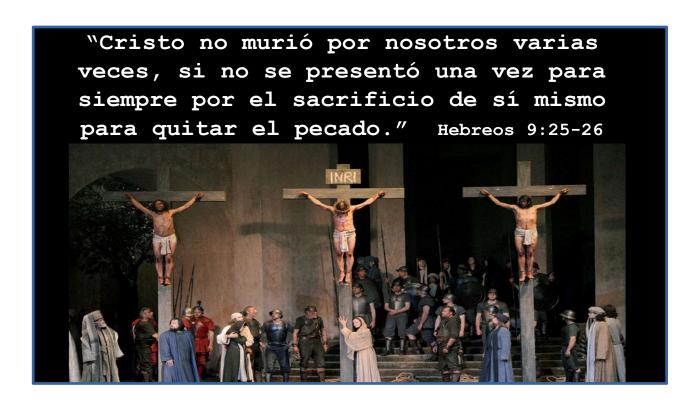
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III. EXAMPLES: Give you some examples: A. MASS—



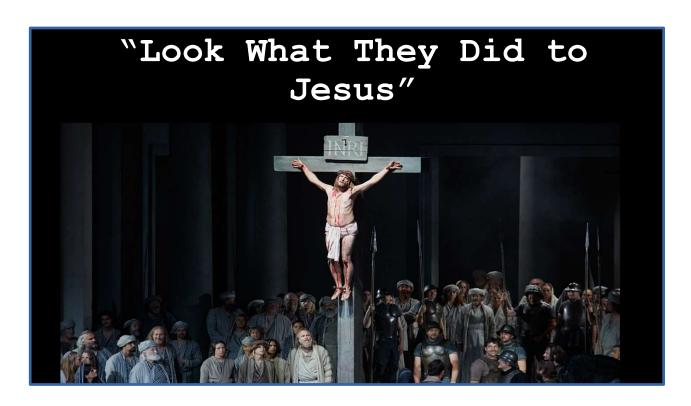
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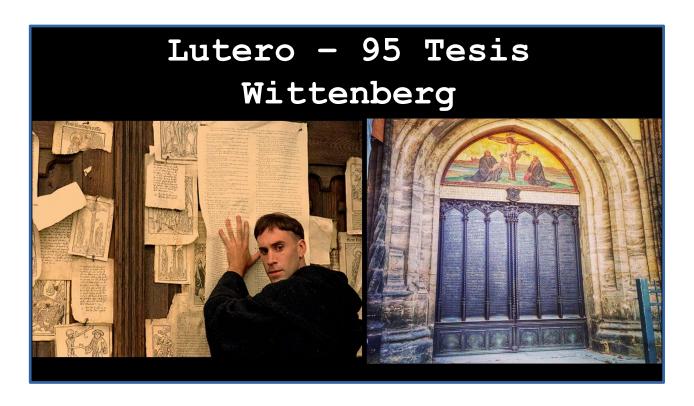
But the Church said, "No," that wasn't enough, now Jesus has to come down every Mass, and die again. That when Jesus said, "This is My blood," it's real. Dies again.



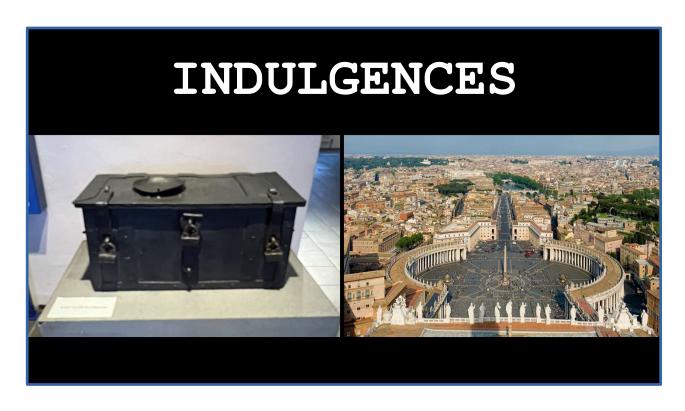
It makes what Jesus did on the Cross small. Didn't really count. In the PASSION PLAY, or the movie, you see the whipping, the crown of thorns, dragging the cross, the nails, hanging up there--Not enough?



Sins not gone? Has to come down and die again, 24/7, every time a mass is said.



B. WORKS—You can go to the Church where Luther nailed his 95 THESES on the Door of the Church.



See the box where you were supposed to put money, the moment the money hit the box, your grandmother's soul got out of purgatory



But the money was to build St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.



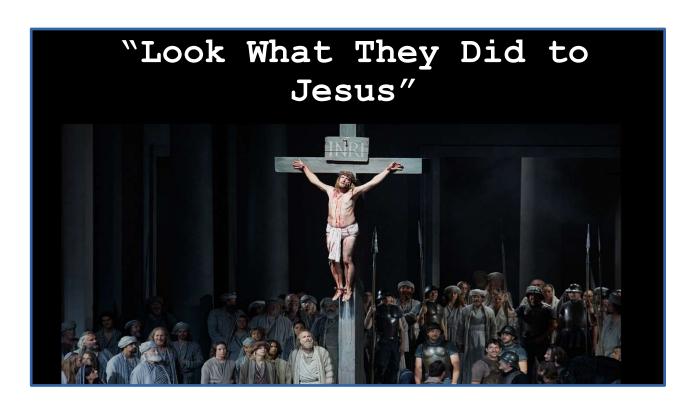
Luther went crazy. We are saved by Jesus and Jesus alone. Faith alone. By Jesus on the Cross alone. Nothing we do has any part of it.



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The Catholic Church reacted, called the Counter Reformation, NO, NO, Jesus and the Cross not enough, God won't accept you until you change, until you're perfect



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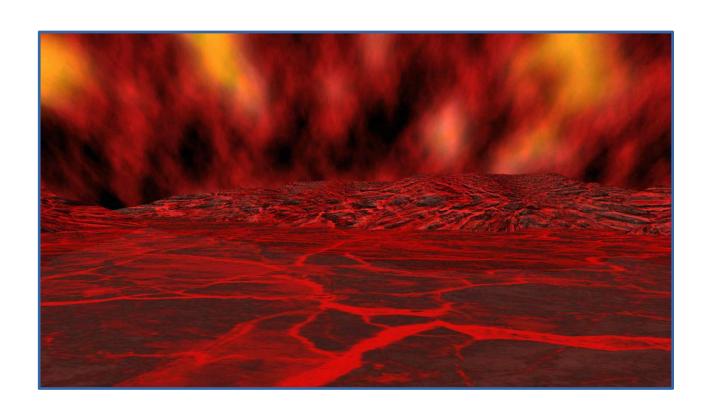
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C. HELLFIRE: The Church began to teach that God burns the wicked in an eternally burning fire. Somebody tried to tell me that the pope didn't believe in hell anymore.



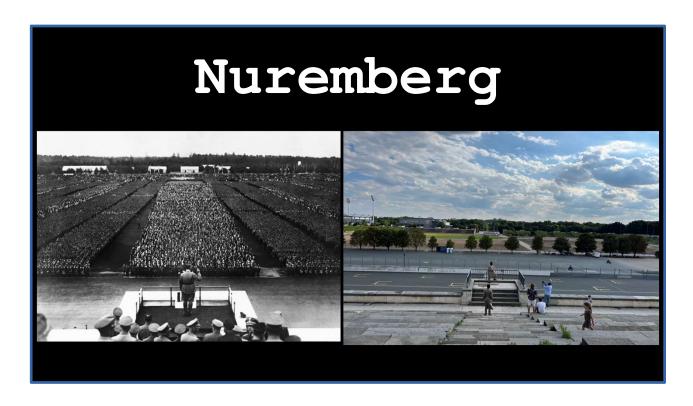
Wanted the Jew to forgive him before he died.



Then how can we say that God does that?



2. It's Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon who get mad when you don't bow down to them, and throw people into a fire. Not GOD! You can't believe that and be part of God.



4. We just have to be careful what we say about God. You can go to NURNBERG, where Hitler had his huge rallies. Good people, got sucked in, believed in somebody who was terrible.



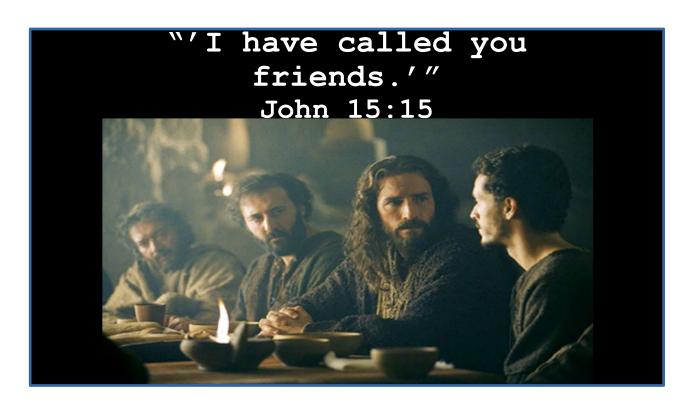
The EAGLE'S `NEST, where they came up with these terrible plans.



DACHAU, where the ovens were. You can see where people were hung, where they were shot, where they were put into the ovens, where the ashes were buried.



You just cannot believe in a God who is love and died for us and does that kind of stuff. You just can't.



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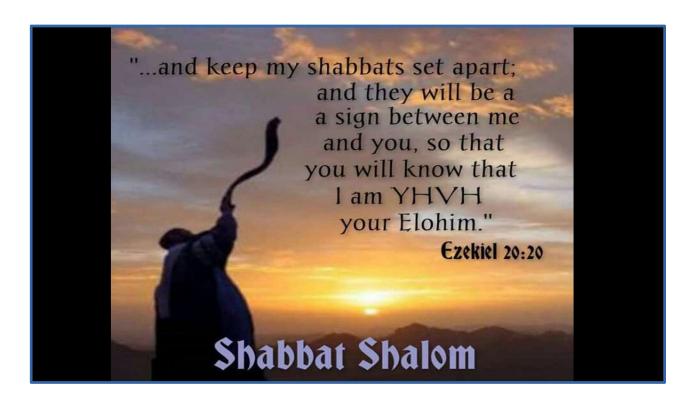
Last night we talked about the Sabbath. How, instead of having a place holy, like the BURNING BUSH,



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B. Then He made it the SIGN. Didn't want to use a BURNING BUSH, that takes no faith, you can see it, you can hear it. He uses something you cannot see—TIME



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And we said, "Once God makes something holy, you can't change it." Flag stands for your country, can't take just any flag

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4000-5000 years:

Nobody Changed the Sabbath!

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4000-5000 AÑOS: NADIE CAMBIÓ EL SÁBADO!

Jesus didn't change it.

Apostles didn't change it.

So WHO changed it?

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JESÚS NO LO CAMBIÓ. LOS APÓSTOLES NO LO CAMBIARON. ENTONCES, ¿QUIÉN LO CAMBIÓ?



The Emperor Constantine wanted everybody together, made a law, everybody on Sunday. Then the Catholic Church changed itt. 250 years after Jesus has gone.



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La iglesia, 300 años después de Cristo, lo cambió.
Nosotros no decimos que ellos lo cambiaron, ELLOS mismos dicen que lo cambiaron.

Question: What day is the Sabbath day?

Answer: Saturday

Catecismo de Geier Pregunta: ¿Qué día es el día de reposo?

Respuesta: el Sábado es el día de reposo.

Question: Why do we worship on Sunday?
Answer: Because the Council of Laodicea transferred the holiness from Saturday to Sunday.

Catecismo de Geier

Pregunta: ¿Por qué adoramos los domingos? Respuesta: Porque el Concilio de Laodicea transfirió la santidad del sábado al domingo.

We think God is worth worshiping on the very day God set aside.

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Creemos que Dios merece ser adorado en el día que Dios apartó.



Look what they did to Jesus. Changed His day of worship. Making God Small again.

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We Will Never Change.

Other people can change. But we will NEVER change.

NUNCA CAMBIAREMOS!



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Use our Christmas to sell things, to give presents, to have pretty stores and malls, but no Jesus. Christ stands alone. He is God. He is the Only One who is alive. He is the only One who came down and died for our sins. He said



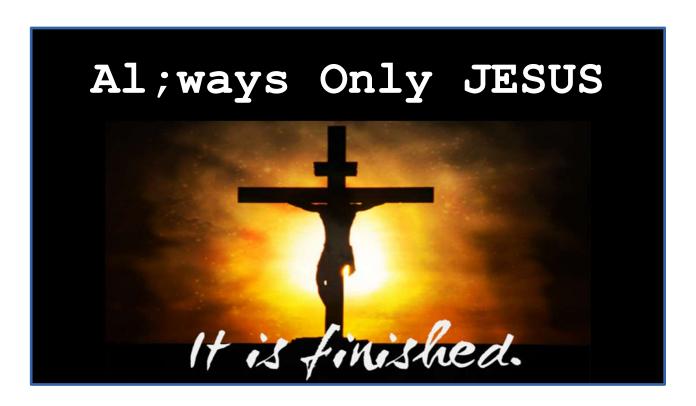
He said I am the Alpha and the Omega. I am the Way. No one comes to the Father except through Me.



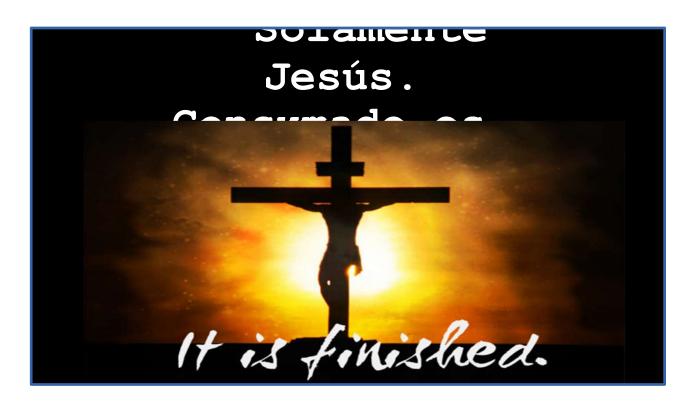
"If I be lifted up, I will draw ALL MEN unto Me." JESUS is the One. Jersis is Everythingt.



. Then he saw a light. Tried to swim towards that light. Got bigger and bigger. Turned out was a CROSS on top of a Church. Only hope to be saved—JESUS.



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