

the cloth which had been upon his head not lying with the bandages but separately rolled up in one place. And she [Mary] viewed two angels in white sitting one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been lying.... She said to them: "They have taken my Master away, and I do not know where they have laid him."

2 Cor. 5:16 "Even if we have known Christ according to the flesh, certainly we now know him so no more."

Christ to Be Worshiped as a Glorious Spirit, Victorious over Death on the Torture Stake

Rom. 6:9 "For we know that Christ, now that he has been raised up from the dead, dies no more; death is master over him no more."

2 Cor. 13:4 "True, indeed, he was impaled owing to weakness, but he is alive owing to God's power."

1 Pet. 3:18 "Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit."

Christ the Reigning King Is Now the Signal to Be Pointed to—Not Crucifix or Banner with Cross

Isa. 62:10, AT "Pass through, pass through the gates, prepare the way of the people; grade up, grade up the highway, clear it of stones; raise a signal over the peoples."

Isa. 11:10, AT "It shall come to pass on that day that the root of Jesse, who will be standing as a signal to the peoples—to him will the nations resort, and his resting-place will be glorious."

See: Isa. 18:3; Rev. 12:1, 5; 14:1.

Preaching of the Stake of Christ Means the Preaching of His Death as a Ransom

1 Cor. 1:17, 18, 23; 2:2 "For Christ dispatched me, not to go

baptizing, but to go declaring the good news, not with wisdom of speech, that the torture stake of the Christ should not be made useless. For the speech about the torture stake is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is God's power. But we preach Christ impaled, to the Jews a cause for falling but to the nations foolishness." "For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him impaled."

1 Tim. 2:5, 6 "Christ Jesus who gave himself a corresponding ransom for all—this is what is to be witnessed to at its own particular times."

Gal. 3:1 "O senseless Galatians, who is it that brought you under evil influence, you before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly portrayed impaled?"

"Enemies of Torture Stake" Are Those Denying Christ's Death as Providing the Ransom

Phil. 3:18, 19 "For there are many, I used to mention them often but now I mention them also with weeping, who are walking as the enemies of the torture stake of the Christ, and their finish is destruction."

2 Pet. 2:1 "However, there also came to be false prophets among the people, as there will also be false teachers among you. These very ones will quietly bring in destructive sects, and will disown even the owner that bought them."

Rom. 10:6, 7 "Do not say... 'Who will descend into the abyss?' that is, to bring Christ up from the dead."

See: 1 Cor. 1:17-2:2, above.
Execution Stake a Symbol of Death Under Shame, and Reproach to Christians from Enemies

Heb. 12:2 "We look intently at the leader and perfecter of our faith, Jesus. For the joy that was set before him he endured a torture stake, despising shame, and

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we do not see, we keep on waiting for it with endurance."

Prayers to "saints" (as to Mary) not authorized

Jer. 7:18 "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger."

See "Worship of Mary".

Direct prayer only is allowed; images not needed

John 14:13 "Also, whatever it is you ask in my name, I will do this, in order that the Father may be glorified in connection with the Son."

John 15:16 "No matter what you ask the Father in my name he might give it to you."

Matt. 6:6, 8 "You, however, when you pray, go into your private room and, after shutting your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; then your Father who looks on in secret will repay you. You must pray, then, this way: 'Our Father in the heavens.'"

See "Prayer".

Downing before men or even angels as "relative" worship forbidden

Acts 10:25, 26 "As Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet and did obeisance to him. But Peter lifted him up, saying: 'Rise; I myself am also a man.'"

Acts 14:11-15 "And the crowds, seeing what Paul had done, raised their voices, saying in the Lyconian tongue: 'The gods have become like men and have come down to us!' And they went to calling Barnabas 'Zeus', but Paul 'Hermes', since he was the one taking the lead in speaking. And the priest of Zeus, whose

temple was before the city, brought bulls and garlands to the gates and was desiring to offer sacrifices with the crowds. However, when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they ripped their outer garments and leaped out into the crowd, crying out and saying: 'Men, why are you doing these things? We also are human creatures.'"

Rev. 19:10 "At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me: 'Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God.'"

Images Unable to Help in Time of Judgment

Deut. 32:37, 38 "And he will say, Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge; which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink-offering? Let them rise up and help you. Let them be your protection."

Ps. 115:4-8 "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; they have ears, but they hear not; noses have they, but they smell not; they have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither speak they through their throat. They that make them shall be like unto them; yea, every one that trusteth in them."

Jer. 10:14, 15 "Every man is become brutish and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, a work of delusion; in the time of their visitation they shall perish."

See "Caesar's Things to Caesar".