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Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me today for an @ the PUNLA coffee table. Good Friday. How did it become Good Friday? I understand Church tradition says, Jesus was crucified and died on Good Friday. So why is it Good Friday. Have you ever wondered, why it's not Death Friday or Crucifixion Friday? Why Good?

Let's Pray. Father God, thank you for you. Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for being you. Guide our discussion today such that your message is spoken. Use me as you will. And if I speak poorly or in error, help the listener to only hear and remember what you want them to not my errant words. I pray these things in your name Lord Jesus, Amen

Okay, Good Friday is the day that Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the Bible Jesus was beaten, flogged beyond recognition then crucified and buried all on this day. So Why do we call it Good Friday.

Believe it or not there are disagreements about this. I'll be honest I did not know this topic was so hotly discussed in Christian circles. I always just took it for what it was rather than what it was called.

There are few mainstream schools of thoughts on how it became Good Friday. Some say Good Friday is really God's Friday. The God's Friday group believe Good Friday was a literation derived from God's Friday. Could be but I could not find much support for this one.

, Good Friday is really Holy Friday. Good Friday is also known as Great Friday, Great & Holy Friday and Black Friday by different groups. Some even call it Sacred Friday or Passion Friday. It appears not everyone calls Good Friday, Good Friday.

The Greek Church refers to this holiday as "the Holy and Great Friday" I tend to like this title more than Good Friday. In German, Good Friday is referred to as Sorrowful Friday. The Anglo-Saxons referred to it as Long Friday. In Russian it is Passion Friday, in other romance languages Sacred Friday.

Okay now this is getting confusing. So why do we, in English, call the day of Jesus was crucified "Good Friday". One of the better explanation I found was that some how Holy had been translated as Good. In old English it was Guode (G-u-o-d-e Friday. In Latin it is Dies Passionis Domini probably more closely translated as "Day of the Passion of the Lord"

I really like that. The day Jesus was tortured and died for us was the "Day of the Passion of the Lord". So obviously, not everyone calls the day Jesus was tortured and crucified "Good Friday".

One of the best explanation I found was simple. That is horrible, terrible Friday is called Good because it led to the resurrection and victory of Jesus. Could be. There is no doubt that this was a crucial day in the history of the world without the crucifixion there is not resurrection Sunday. Both the cross and the resurrection are decisive and critical to our forgiveness and salvation. So why Good Friday instead of Bad Friday. For us it was Good. Horrible, terrible, sorrowful day but for us it was necessary and thus Good. It was good that Jesus willingly died for us, it was good that He purchased our lives with His blood and body. It was good only because there was no other way to make me righteous except through His perfect sacrifice. So, in this way I can say it was good, very sad but good.

After hours of research, I could not find a definitive origin of this term in fact in many places it is not referred to as Good Friday. In fact, as I mentioned the early church referred to it as the “day of the Lords Passion”. No mention of Friday. I actually researched this a few weeks ago. You can see that video call “3 days and 3 nights” on our website. I’ll spoil it for you. Jesus predicted he would die and be in the grave 3 days and nights or as a Jewish person would say 3 nights and 3 days. Remember the Jewish day begins at sunset, so night comes first followed by the day. We commemorate Jesus’ crucifixion on Good Friday. Let’s count. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 3 days. Or Friday night, Saturday night...oops that’s only 2 nights. So, we got something wrong. In fact, Jesus was crucifixion was on day after the Passover meal. Passover is not the same day of the week each year. Passover day starts at sunset when the meal is eating, the following day is the day of preparation, followed by a Special Sabbath or high holy day, the first day of the festival of unleaven bread. This Sabbath the one referenced at the crucifixion is this special Sabbath. So, that day would not have had to be a Friday at all. In order to be 3 nights and 3 days in the grave, Jesus would have to have been crucified on what day. Let’s count back, 2 things to remember for a Jewish person. Their day was sunset to sunset. Night first from sunset to sunrise and the following day was sunrise to sunset. Also, the women went to the tomb before sunrise on Sunday morning. Let’s count it 1) Saturday night & Saturday day, 2) Friday night & Friday day, and 3) Thursday night & Thursday day. So, most likely by our calendar and way of counting days. Jesus probably shared the Passover meal with His disciples Wednesday evening at the beginning of Passover, Was betrayed early Thursday morning, beaten and torture and crucified and died by around 3 pm and was buried before sunset on Thursday. Thursday night, night 1, Friday day 1, Friday night, night 2, Saturday day, day 2 and Saturday night, night 3, and Sunday morning on the 3rd day He rose again. Hallelujah!

So, no matter what you call it, or why you call it what you call it or how it became Good Friday. Good Friday is the day most Christians will commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. And we should solemnly observe this, whether you do it on Friday or Thursday, does not really matter. Just like we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas which was not really the day of his birth. The date and day are not what is important, it is the commemoration. So, Good Friday is good to me because it ushers in Easter morning, resurrection Sunday morning. Now that’s what I and my family celebrate. This year, 2022 Passover begins at sunset April 15th, Friday night. Many Jews will be eating their

Passover meal after sunset on that Friday. Remember this event and festivals is part of our Christian traditions as well. I encourage you to take time and remember the Passover and what it meant. This year it is actually on Good Friday evening, so we can commemorate both on this “Good” day, the “holy” day.

Let’s Pray. Heavenly Father, Hallowed be thy name, I pray your will be done here on earth right now as it is in heaven. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your Kingdom, Give us what we need to do your will and resist the evil and selfishness of this world. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever Amen. Thank you, Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

So, Good Friday. Even if Friday is not the correct day, we still should commemorate what Christ did for us. We should also commemorate the Passover and how God revealed Himself to the world in Egypt. My family plans to share a meal with some of the elements of the Passover and last super. We will commemorate and remember as Jesus taught us to. We will read about our Lords death and maybe watch a video depicting these events. However, you do it. Please do. Take time to remember what God has done. He has revealed Himself to us, so we can know Him. He has sacrificed for us, so we can have a relationship with Him. God loved us, the world, so much that He willingly died for us, so the price and punishment for our evil deeds and sins would be paid. He made a way where we could not make one for ourselves. Thank you, Jesus. My Savior, My Lord & King. Thank you, Abba Father. Amen.

Thank you for joining me today @ the PUNLA Coffee Table as we discussed Good Friday. See you next time @ the PUNLA Coffee Table. God Bless.