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Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature
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The Conquest of Canaan Joshua's Blessing In His Old Age



Canaan is an ancient term for a region approximating present-day [Israel](#), the [West Bank](#) and the [Gaza Strip](#), plus adjoining coastal lands and parts of [Lebanon](#), [Syria](#), and [Jordan](#).

Canaanites are mentioned extensively in the Bible, as well as in Mesopotamian and [Ancient Egyptian](#) texts. According to the Bible, the land of Canaan was the "promised land" which [God](#) gave to [Abraham](#) and his descendants. The Canaanites themselves, however, were considered to be the implacable enemies of the Israelites, who practiced a decadent and idolatrous religion. Contemporary archaeologists, however, see much continuity between the Canaanite population and the early Israelites, with whom they shared a common language and customs.

The term "Canaan land" is also used as a metaphor for any land of promise or spiritual state of liberation from oppression. [Moses'](#) journey from Egypt to the promised land of Canaan thus symbolizes a people's journey from oppression to freedom, from sin to grace.

-taken from [New World Encyclopedia](#)

In the Bible, Joshua took over leadership of the Hebrews after Moses died, and during his leadership he was responsible for conquering *The Promised Land* of the Canaanites ([Joshua 23:5](#)). The Bible makes it clear that the Canaanites were an abomination to God because of their religious practices that included sexual deviance and sacrificing their children by burning them to a god called Molech, among other abominations ([Deuteronomy 20:17](#)). Joshua, as a very obedient servant of God, was very successful at conquering the Canaanite cities including the two major cities of Ai and Jericho which caused the Hebrews the most trouble. In the case of Ai, a Hebrew had saved and hid a Babylonian garment from the spoil of Jericho after the Hebrews took it, and it caused a curse on Israel when it went to the next city. Joshua then found the man who had taken the garment and he was killed ([Joshua 7](#)). Jericho posed the problem of a wall too big to get over, but God won the victory by causing the wall to fall down flat ([Joshua 6](#)).

At the end of Joshua's reign, the property of the cities of Canaan were divided up among the 9 and a half tribes of the twelve of Israel; the first two and a half had been given away by Moses to two tribes.



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“...So That They Are Without Excuse”

There Is Never a Reason Not to Get Saved

There is a saying used commonly by judges: “*ignorance of the law is no excuse.*” You can not say *you didn't know* that what you did do or what you didn't do that you were supposed to do was wrong—it simply doesn't hold up in court. The same holds true for the gospel, as we can see by [Romans 1:18-20](#).

The Bible says that everyone will get the gospel sometime in their life before they die: *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men (Titus 2:11)*. A man can not tell God “*I never knew*” when he stands before Him at the judgment seat, desiring to get into Heaven. And after we die we will see that there *is* a Hell and a Heaven, and we will surely want to be spared the torture of Hell. Unless a man has had his sins washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ, he will not enter into Heaven and his only other fate is Hell. There is no in-between or limbo (commonly called *purgatory* by the Catholics). You are either saved or you are not saved, it is that clear cut and simple.

Getting saved only requires faith and the ability to humble yourself to God's Word. You may refer to one of the many salvation tracts I have designed on [jrartworks.org](#) if you have never been saved before.

In mainstream society we are caught up in many secular humanist philosophies that seem to adequately explain the world using rational observations and science. But the spiritual realm is completely ignored and even degraded as many secular humanists despise the Bible. That's why they resort to the Darwinian *theory of evolution* which denies a world created by God. The only teaching we will ever get about God's personality and his rules or us to live by (to spare us trouble and please him) comes from the King James Bible. The Bible can not be understood by an unsaved person except for the plan of salvation (which commonly comes as the Roman's Road). Our attraction to scientific explanation and the making of ourselves to be gods will be no excuse after we die. The Bible says in Romans 1 that even nature itself teaches us there is a God, but the pagan scientist often can not see this simple principle because his eyes are blinded with what he calls rational facts, including his rationale for being a god himself.

When Paul wrote the book of Romans he had taken missionary journeys through Asia, and he had given the gospel to many people. No matter what reason a man had for refusing to get saved at Paul's plea, even if he said he would do it some other time, it did not make him guiltless before God after he died. ■



Paul the Apostle suffered great torment to pave the way for the world to give the gospel (he is shown in cuffs here before King Agrippa). The gospel is for *everyone* and no other religious or philosophical belief is an excuse not to get saved.



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Who Really Crucified Jesus?

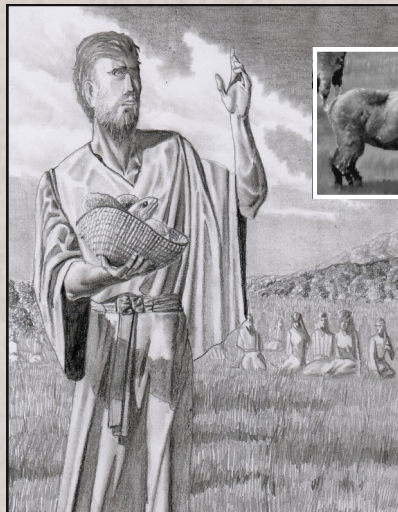
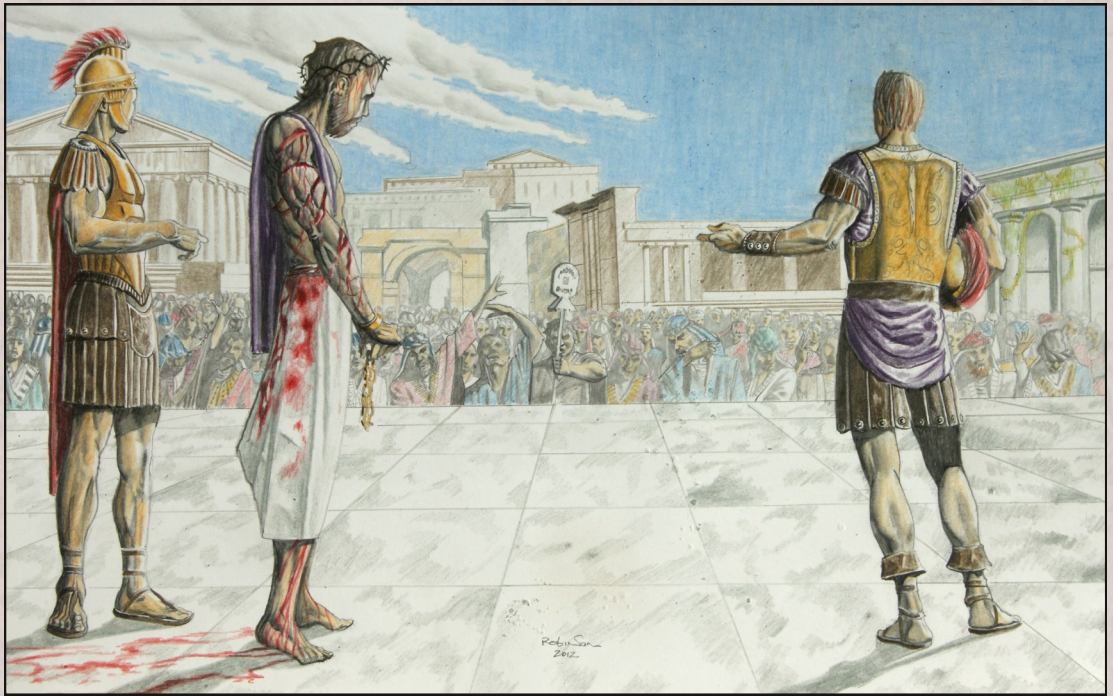
The Responsibility for His Accusation and Death

The four gospels of the King James Bible give four accounts of Jesus' entire life, ministry, teachings and miracles. In the end of each gospel, however, a horrific account of Jesus' crucifixion is given, and we see that Jesus *came unto his own, and his own received him not (John 1:11)*.

The gospels reveal that the Pharisees accused Jesus out of envy for his miracles and fame, and they persuaded Pilate to sentence Him to death. The Romans carried out the death sentence, some with mockery and others with regret (as it was with the Centurion who believed him when he saw him die). During the crucifixion, the Pharisees successfully persuaded not only Pilate the Roman governor to negate Jesus but many of Jesus' former followers ended up chanting for his death.

Even though the Pharisees were responsible for ordering Jesus' death, in a broader sense, however, **Jesus died for all of our sins**. We **all** crucified Him even though we were not immediately responsible for his sentence. His crucifixion was His purpose for coming here. All of the Old Testament priestly orders culminated in animal sacrifices, especially of a lamb, and Jesus was called **The Lamb of God** for the purpose of being sacrificed. When Jesus came here, He loved people, especially the poor, and he is shown in the drawing multiplying the bread and fish to feed the five thousand. He only did good for mankind, but mankind sentenced him to death.

In the Garden of Eden ([Genesis 1-3](#)), God



▲ **The Soulwinner Issue 10** examined Pilate's contribution to Jesus' death, and it can be seen that he tried every way possible not to consent to the crucifixion—but he had to please the people and abide by the laws.

◀ Jesus came here and performed many miracles, such as feeding the five-thousand, but his main reason for coming was to be the crucified **Lamb of God** and be resurrected (Mary Magdalene is shown here at Jesus' tomb).

had only given Adam one negative command, all the rest were positive (such as *"be fruitful and multiply"*). His only negative command was for him **not** to eat of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. Satan then tempted Adam by reaching his wife, the weaker vessel. Thus they both ate of the tree and original sin was established, so much that the only remission for mankind at that point was for God to come as a man

and be a blood sacrifice, for **he the life of all flesh is the blood thereof (Leviticus 17:14)**. When Jesus was in the Garden of Gesthsem-ane, he prayed that God might take away his cup to drink (that he would not have to be sacrificed) ([Matthew 26:39](#), [John 12:27](#)). But he chose to submit to God, and thank the Lord that Jesus carried out the sacrifice. It is our only way to Heaven, and the only way to be saved from the fires of Hell. ■



The premise behind the newsletter is NOT to usurp the authority of your pastor but to provide an encouragement and instruction tool for soul winning. Excerpts about Bible scriptures from stories to doctrines are included to help the soul winner with some questions he may be asked by people he is giving the gospel to. Although evangelistic in nature, the newsletter does not constitute a religious movement or leadership. It is a counterpart to the Christian school of your church. The doctrines are Baptist and support the Baptist church, but many of them are interchangeable to other churches. The newsletter is not a part of a ministry of a church, but it does support soul winning in any church. It is advised that the reader make scripture references to supersede any statements made in this newsletter.