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Amid cell phones ringing, video cams rolling and ice cream melting under the Florida sun, a blood-spattered Jesus stumbles through the crowd on his way to Golgotha, where nasty Roman soldiers strip him, nail him to the cross and crucify him—while perspiring tourists look on in Bermuda shorts. After the resurrection sequence, visitors applaud and line up for a photo op, not with Mickey or Minnie, but a disciple or bloody-handed yet friendly centurion. Welcome to Orlando's most unusual theme park, the Holy Land Experience. ...

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Re: The Crucifixion and Ice Cream, on: 2008/5/24 20:47

Looks alot like what they do in alot of churches at Easter time minus the ice cream.

Re:, on: 2008/5/24 21:54

Interesting...I didn't know The Holy Land Experience had switched ownership from Zion's Fire to TBN. I remember hearing from people that have been there that the Scriptorium was really neat. It contains the Van Kampen Collection.

Has anyone been to the Holy Land Experience since it changed hands? I wonder how much it has changed. This article makes it sound like a 'religious entertainment alternative' to Disney Land. Maybe that's what it is now. I know that that isn't what it started as.

Re: The Crucifixion and Ice Cream, on: 2008/5/24 22:06

None of us are required to even travel or partake of the Disneyland experience to have a pretty good idea of what the Agenda has become of the ownership.

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We only have to look as far as knowing that Disneyland supports and promote the homosexual agenda, among many other worldly things. The sad thing about it, most of their livelihood comes from a group of people who claim to be blood bought Christians!

Re: The Crucifixion and Ice Cream - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/5/24 22:24

This grieves my heart . . . I can not even begin to imagine how God views it . . . do they not think that He is watching? Have they not heard that He will not be mocked? Does this set the stage for burning Christian's at the stake for entertainment?

Forgive them Lord, for they know not what they do.

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2008/5/27 5:33

it is alegal to use the cross in the uk in a bad way according to the ASA marketing organisation

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/5/27 8:03

For what it's worth, I have a no-nonsense friend who says he's visited this place a few years back. I showed him the linked article, and his response was that they grossly distorted the experience and meaning of the place.

While I'm not sure about the concept of a bible theme park, in general I think we need to be careful not to let the media, with their story-lines and video editing, tell us what to think about everything. They're not a very responsible bunch, because their industry is not driven to find 'truth', but to make shallow sensory hi-impact entertainment. Like most sophists, news people have a need to squeeze everything into neat little pre-prepared molds.

Video is an amazingly deceptive media because it seems objective. Illusion of reality is its power...when video is playing it can cause people to stop perceiving and instead, open themselves up to simply receiving what is shown. Pretty much if it's on TV, it's been edited and these hidden choices contaminate what you are shown with so much unreality and prejudice that it's not worth sifting through.

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Re: - posted by Whitson, on: 2008/5/27 9:38

DO YOU KNOW HOW THE APOSTLES DIED?

Matthew suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.

Mark died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead .

Luke was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.

John faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

Peter was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

James the Just , the leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.* This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

James the Great, son of Zebedee, was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

Bartholomew also known as Nathaniel Was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

Andrew was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to

the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: "I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it." He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

Thomas was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent. Jude was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

Matthias, the apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.

Barnabas, one of the group of seventy disciples, wrote the Epistle of Barnabas. He preached throughout Italy and Cyprus. Barnabas was stoned to death at Salonica.

Paul was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor compared to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles disciples during their times for the sake of the Faith. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matthew 10:22.