

The TAU Cross

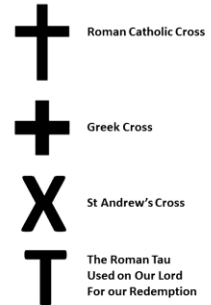
The Roman execution stake, which Christians call the 'Cross of Christ', is the most well-known symbol in History, or as I like to say HIS-Story.

Starting about 2,200 year ago, the Roman execution cross was the most intimidating symbol of Roman power and cruelty. The so-called Tau cross, a cross shaped like the Greek letter tau, was named after the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet for T. The crosses were used for approximately 200 years before Christ and 300 years afterward.

The TAU was a 2-piece cross. The vertical piece was in the range of 10-12 feet and this was pounded in the ground and buried 2-3 feet. The cross beam, which our Lord carried, weighed 80-120 pounds.

The Lord's cross also had a small wooden sign, called a titlist, mentioned in John 19:19-20. Roman Governor Pilate had a sign written out and put on the cross, reading JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

This was the Divine method God chose before the foundation of the World to deliver us from our Sins.



Recently, Crossroads Chapel constructed and displayed an authentic 1st Century Roman 'Tau' Cross. They created a very credible replica, other than the type of wood originally used which was not available. Its weight is approximately 400 pounds. Thank you to Randy and his Crew for all their help with this Tau Cross Project!

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