

GRADE 9

BABYLON MYSTERY RELIGION

Chapter 6 Report Is the Cross a Christian Symbol? - October 2017

The cross seen on churches is thought of as the one Jesus died on. Is this true? Well, it is true that Jesus died on a cross, however there is one thing that you must know. Crosses were used before Jesus died on the cross. And do you want to guess who used them? Yes, you are right. The pagans. The early Christians did not think of the cross that Jesus died on as a symbol, but rather a tool of shame. They believed in what occurred on the cross and what was accomplished through it not in the cross itself. They wouldn't wear a cross in the form of a necklace or bracelet (like people would wear a charm). The cross idea came into play later (as a result of pagan influence).

So, where did this cross idea come from? Well, it turns out that it was a symbol for the god Tammuz which happened to be Tau (the initials of his name) or T, thus the most commonly use of the cross before the death of Jesus was the "T" for Tammuz's initials.

If you look at the picture to the right, you will see that the painting from ancient Egypt. They have crosses all over.

(right) Here is a few of the different types and forms of the cross and a few of the different things they/were used for as well as where they originated from.

One of the most common forms of the cross is called the Tau cross. The cross idea spread and soon there were all sorts of different kinds of crosses. In India among non-Christian people it is a sacred symbol and is often used to mark holy water in jars as well as "an embalm of disembodied Jaina saints." Two large crosses were discovered that were before the Era of the Christians. The sign of the cross is placed on the heads of Buddhists

and several sects of Indian people. In Africa, Kabyle women that were Mohammedans, put a cross in between their eyes in the form of the tattoo and all their walls were decorated with crosses. Many people do not realize that the the cross was used by people were the gospel had never reached.

There are many different types of crosses. There is a latin cross, a Tau cross, the Calvary cross, Celtic, St. Andrews, Greek, Maltese, and many more (a few are drawn in the picture above). The St. Andrews cross is among the Cuma's in South America and is thought of to be the protector against evil spirits. This cross was on the coins of Alexander the king in 140-120 B.C. in Syria — long before “St. Andrew” was even born! So, because Jesus died on a cross, does this make it Christian? Let me ask you something. If Jesus was killed with a shotgun, would you wear it around you neck, put it on your churches, and use them as decoration? The important thing is who died on the cross, not what the instrument of death itself was. A writer said, “Let us adore Christ, our King, who hung upon the wood, not the wood [itself].”