

Is The Church of the Holy Sepulchre the real site of Jesus's burial/crucifixion?

No one knows for sure where Jesus was buried. Had the Holy Spirit wanted men to know, He would have preserved this information. Men should not revere a place.¹ Jesus said: God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24).

Misguided individuals today walk *The Via Dolorosa* (Latin for Way of Grief or Way of Suffering); yet, God never asked men to do this. The apostle Paul in Athens preached his most famous sermon identifying the Lord as the "unknown God" which the Athenians had been worshipping (Ac 17:16-34). Some mocked (17:32a), some delayed (17:32b) and some believed (17:33-34). Men do the same today. They insist on worshipping their own god—who they want, where they want and how they want. God will be approached his way—or He will not be approach at all. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jn 14:6).

Would knowing where Jesus was buried increase men's faith? Perhaps not. Jesus said: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets (e.g. the word of God), neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead." Lk 16:31. Scholars will continue to debate where Jesus was crucified and buried.

Jesus pointed to communion to remember Him. He said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 1 Co 11:24. What do men do instead? They buy things at Christmas time and look to Hollywood for joy.² Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes (1 Co 11:25-26). Christians show their love for Him by remembering Him in the way that He said to remember Him. Breaking bread and drinking wine with likeminded believers reminds us that He is returning. Whereas Christians look for the Son of Man to come (Lk 17:26-32), Christ rejecters look for the Son of Perdition³ to come (2 Thess 2:3-9).

¹ John D. at Walter Martin Ministries wrote:

Helena (the mother of Constantine) borrowed Jewish history and set out to build the religion of Rome citing the various historic sites of biblical occurrences wherever her whimsy led her. This is how the traditional sites for the crucifixion [and] tomb of Jesus ended up on the west side of the Old City Jerusalem (Church of the Holy Sepulcher) rather than to the north and on the peak of Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:2 / Genesis 22:14) and the location of Mount Sinai was sited on the peninsula that bears its name rather than in (Saudi) Arabia where the Apostle Paul placed it (Galatians 4:25).

And eventually the religion of Rome included various pagan doctrines like the Queen of Heaven (Jeremiah 7:18 / Jeremiah 44:17-25) and put the name of the Virgin Mary on it and developed it to equal status with Jesus Christ himself. In the name of "Christianizing" the traditional pagan feasts, included was the Saturnalia feast (Christmas) and the Astarte feast (still bearing her name Easter to this day).

Christianizing everything is old hat to the Roman Catholics. That is after all what their entire religion is.
D, John: threaded discussion The Effect of Roman Catholicism on Christianity | Walter Martin Ministries, 7 Dec 16:
<http://www.waltermartin.com/forums/showthread.php?3576-The-affect-of-Roman-Catholicism-on-Christianity&s=6fe5329fa92968c112b4dc3eadac367c>

² Christians signs: in remembrance ye do shew (1 Co 11:23-26) vs. world signs: ye do shew [ways and customs] Jer 10:2-3.

³ The good Shepherd the Son of man the righteous Branch (Jer 23:5) vs. the idol shepherd, the son of perdition, the abominable branch (Zech 11:17).

