

# Letters

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## Good Friday

The observance of Good Friday is almost universal in the Christian Church, yet the Bible nowhere states that it was crucified on a Friday. This is more a consequence of the cross-reading of the Gospel text than of any historical fact. The Jews had to come down from the cross on the Sabbath, which is Sunday. A closer look at the biblical calendar shows that the Jews kept their Sabbaths as well as the weekly Sabbath. In the Bible, however, we find a Sabbath, called annually on 3 May - but, on any day of the week. There were two Sabbaths in the Gospel narrative in the same week - one as a High Sabbath or High Day Day. It is the Sabbath just over and of the crucifixion, not the weekly Sabbath on Saturday.

The crucifixion would have happened on any day of the week, but according to the Bible, it happened on Friday. The Bible says that Jesus gave that his spirit was the heart of the earth (Matthew 12:40) - a sign that he was not dead on Friday, but that he was still alive on Saturday.

From the afternoon of Friday, Jesus lay down on Sunday. The crucifixion was a public event, and the crucifixion was a public event. It was a public event, and it was a public event. It was a public event, and it was a public event. It was a public event, and it was a public event.

The problem is to see how to do this. The day begins on 3 April. It was a public event, and it was a public event. It was a public event, and it was a public event. It was a public event, and it was a public event.

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## Q-CAT report

The account of the Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture report to Meeting for Sufferings (3 April) mentions a Friend speaking about domestic abuse as a form of torture. To victims of domestic abuse it must seem indistinguishable from torture, but there is a difference in those who cause the suffering.

The United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [1984] Article 1 includes: 'when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity'. That difference is significant when working for the reduction of both evils.

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## The spirit of Christ

I have very strongly felt every person has within them the capacity to be moved by an internal teacher.

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