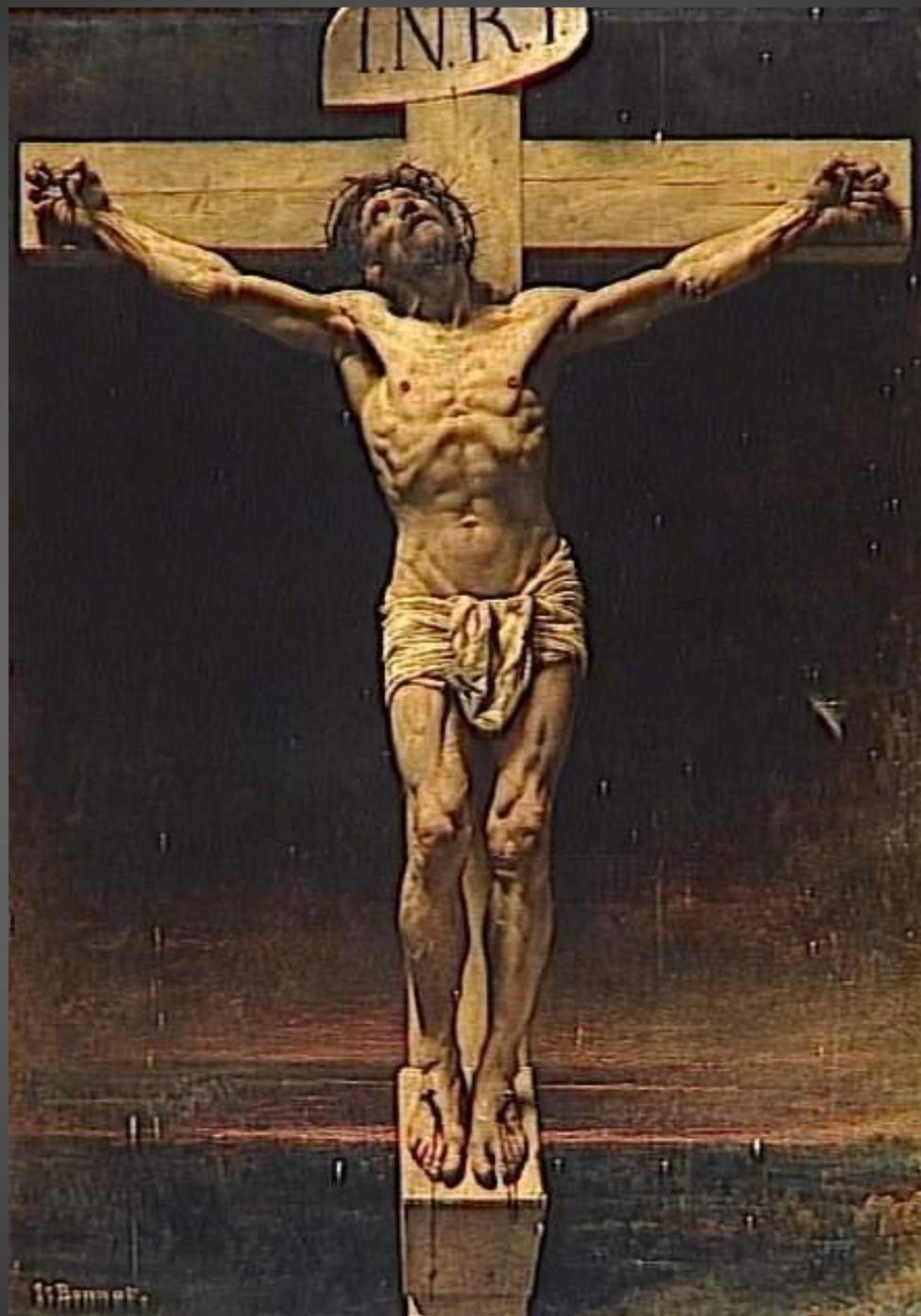


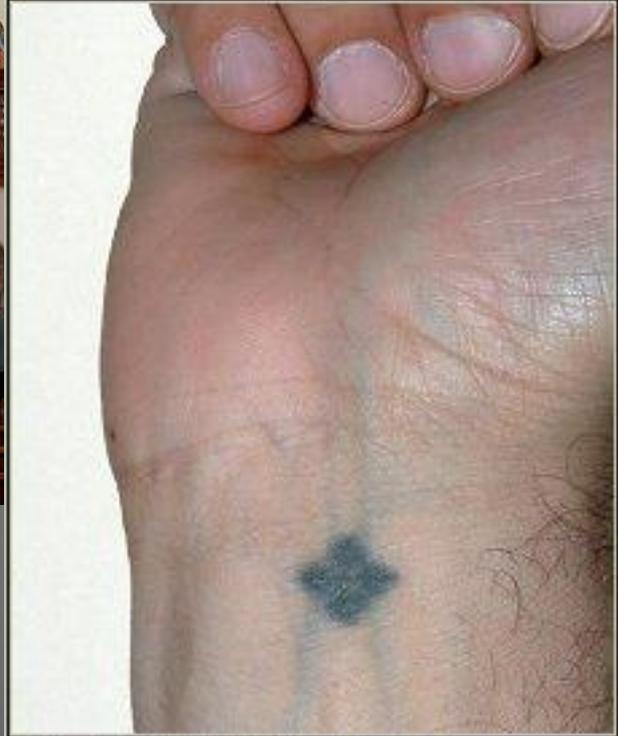
What was the most glorious time  
in the history of Christianity?



Did that picture look  
glorious to you?



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So, why is the cross glorified this  
much?



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- C. 3
- D. 4

Bonus points if you get the correct date

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Bonus points if you can name the son of this person

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**Queen Helena was the mother of the first Christian Roman emperor, Constantine.**

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# Why do we celebrate on March 19?

It commemorates the retrieval of the Holy Cross in the seventh century during the reign of the Roman emperor Heraclius. After he had defeated the Persian army, one of the Persian princes stole the Holy. When Heraclius heard of this, he gathered the Roman army and marched to Persia where he recovered the Holy Cross and returned it to Constantinople in 629 A.D.



# The Cross

*Defined as;*

*cross* noun /krôs/  
crosses, plural

1. An upright post with a transverse bar, as used in antiquity for crucifixion
2. The *cross* on which Jesus was crucified
3. This, or a representation of it, as an emblem of Christianity
4. **A thing that is unavoidable and has to be endured**

From dictionary.com

So, we know it is not pleasant but yet  
it is glorious!

# What Does It Mean to Carry the Cross?

1. Carrying the cross is bearing suffering for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Read 1 Peter 4:12-16

2. Carrying the Cross in the form of spiritual struggles and self-control.

3. Enduring the cross with **thanks** is itself a cross

# St Paul is a great example

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# Should we be crucified with Christ?

Yes! Christian life is practically a journey to Golgotha; and Christianity without a Cross is really not Christianity

“I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

So that if you want to live with Christ, you must be crucified with Christ, or you must be crucified for Him, and suffer for Him, even if that would lead you to die for Him also.

# Some practical ways to be Crucified with Him from Pope Shenouda III

1. Get tired for the rest of another (1 Cor. 3:8)
2. Train yourself to give, even from your necessities, as the blessed widow had done (Luke 21:4)
3. Tire yourself in your service, because the more you tire, the more your love will appear, and therefore the greater your sacrifice will be.

4. Endure the tribulation of the Cross for the Lord

5. Crucify the flesh with its passions (Gal. 5:24).

6. Self-denial, by taking the last place.

7. Bearing the sins of others, as our Lord the Christ did.