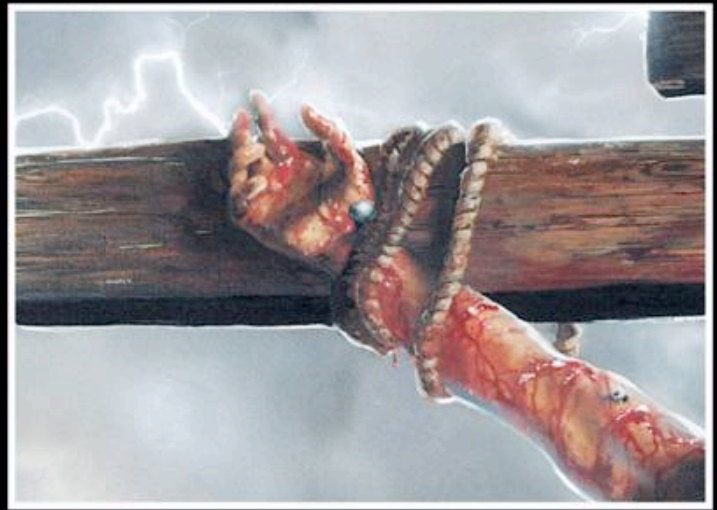


WOULD JESUS USE BLOODY PICTURES TO MAKE HIS POINT?



FIRST TRIMESTER (10 WEEK) ABORTED FETUS



HE ALREADY DID.

LUKE 23:26-33

Would Jesus use bloody pictures to make His point? He already did. Jesus controlled every aspect of His capture, trial and execution. He arranged to have Himself beaten nearly to death before stumbling through the most crowded part of Jerusalem during Passover, the most crowded day of the year. His bloody body horrified throngs of pilgrims who included large numbers of families with young children.

He then permitted himself to be stripped naked and tortured to death in full view of still more passersby. The Romans used executions to intimidate subjugated peoples. They located crucifixion sites for maximum public exposure. Our Lord accommodated Cesar by going out of His way to make the disturbing spectacle of His murder as public as possible. And in the process, He chose, as the very symbol of our faith, a bloody instrument of torture. His point was to disturb us with the gravity of our sin but also to bless us with the grace of His forgiveness. Was it “un-Christian” for Him to use these horrifying crucifixion images? Then how is it “un-Christian” for us to use horrifying abortion images?