

FFWPU Bratislava's Slovakia, lecture about Messiahs and Jewish Wars after Jesus

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Since Easter time is the best time to speak about Jesus and his mission, we held last Monday (April 3) a lecture about a not so known chapter of Jewish history. Based on her academic studies, Barbara Grabner lectured about the Jewish wars and the messianic personalities after Jesus. Within 100 years after the death of Jesus three great uprisings occurred which brought the destruction first of Jerusalem (70 AD), then several uprisings in other parts of the Roman Empire, and ended with the defeat of the nation (135 AD).

She explained, "These terrible wars would not have broken out if Israel had united with Jesus. The nation was erased from the map and replaced by Palestine until 1948. Hence Palestinians claim - not entirely wrongly - that the territory belongs to them and that the State of Israel is an artificial construction made by Western powers." She also explained why the crosses should be put down, " During the first centuries, Jesus was portrayed as a good shepherd or a king of kings. For the early Christians, the cross was a symbol of something very evil, as it was used to punish slaves and rebels. The cross represented the worst form of punishment because people hung naked on the cross." During the Middle Ages the cross became a popular motif for painters and sculptors.

Far more people than expected came and the lecture room was crowded (32 guests). Due to great interest, a follow-up lecture was organized to explain in detail "The Mission of the Messiah".