

The Timing of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The correct sequence and chronology of the death and resurrection of the Messiah are outlined in this document. The facts are based entirely upon the Biblical texts. The keys are: 1) The sign (of Jonah) Jesus gave proving he is the Son of God. 2) How God counts days. 3) The timing of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread as it fell during the week of Christ's death and resurrection. 4) The texts involving the women preparing burial spices before the Sabbath but purchasing them after the Sabbath (Mk. 16:1 & Lk. 23:54-56). 5) Two disciples walking to Emmaus not knowing Christ had risen, are saddened because it was the first day of the week - the day following the fulfillment of the sign of Jonah.

12 Nisan		13 Nisan		14 Nisan		15 Nisan		16 Nisan		17 Nisan		18 Nisan	
2		3		4		5		6		7 - Sabbath		1	
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday		Sun				
Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day
				The Lord's Supper is observed, later Jesus is betrayed and arrested	Passover killed The Lamb of God is sacrificed at 3pm buried before dark	Jesus first night in the tomb following his burial	The 1 st Day of ULB ends at dark		Mary and the other women purchase and also prepare the spices	Mary and the others observe the Sabbath	Jesus is raised on the 3 rd day just before dark	Mary and the other women arrive at the tomb while it's still dark on the 1 st day and find it empty	Jesus seen by Mary, the other women and disciples. ^b Two uninformed disciples, saddened Christ not raised
				Jesus Christ is dead and buried for 3 days and 3 nights (Mt. 12:40)									
		One day before the Passover		Preparation day before 1 st Day of Unleavened Bread Passover sacrificed at 3pm		1 st Night	1 st Day	2 nd Night	2 nd Day	3 rd Night	3 rd Day		
				1 st Day of Unleavened Bread (at end of 14 th) a High Day - Annual Sabbath & Night of Watching		Preparation day For the weekly Sabbath 1 st day of Unleavened Bread ends at dark		7 th day of the week - the weekly Sabbath, from Fri. dark - Sat. dark. Christ is raised exactly 72 hrs. after internment		1 st day of the week Roman "Day of the Sun" The tomb found empty early on the 1 st day - while it was still dark			
Mt. 21:18-22 Jn. 12:20-50		Deut.16:5-6 Mk. 14:12-26 Mt. 24:1-51; 25:1-46; 26:17-19		Deut.16:5-6 2Chron. 35:11-17 Mt. 26:26ff Mk. 14:12; 14:43ff Lk. 22:47 Jn. 18:1; 19:14	Ps. 22:1 Mk. 15:33 Lk. 23:44-23:55 Jn. 19:28ff Mt. 27:46ff 1 Cor. 5:7 Zec. 12:9-13 Ex. 26:31-35 Heb. 9:8; 10:19-20	Ex. 12:1-28, 37 Lev. 23:1-8 Mt. 26:17 Mk. 14:1, 2; 15:42 Lk. 22:1, 7; 23:54	Mk. 16:1 Lk. 23:54-56		Gen. 2:1-3 Ex. 31:12-18 Lev. 23:3 Isa. 56:4, 5; 66:23,24 Lk. 23:56 Mt. 28:1 Heb. 4:9	Ex. 29:24-27 Lev. 23:15-16 Job 19:26-27 Ez. 8:15,16; 29:24-27; 37:1-4 Mt. 12:39-41; 28:1-10 Mk. 16:1-20 Lk. 11:29-30,32; 24:1 Jn. 20:1 ^b Lk. 24:1-36			

Description of Daily Events

3	Tuesday	During the afternoon and evening the young men prepare for the Passover Festival. After dark on the 14 th of Nisan (Abib), Jesus and his disciples partake in the Lord's Supper. Later that night Jesus is betrayed and arrested.
4	Wednesday	Jesus is nailed to a tree (stake) at the same time the Passover lambs begin to be slaughtered in the Temple. Jesus dies and is removed for burial just before dark, at which time the 1 st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins and the Passover meal is eaten. This is an annual "High Day" or Sabbath.
5	Thursday	At dark, the 1 st Day of Unleavened Bread ends.
6	Friday	The women buy the spices the day after the annual Sabbath (1 st Day-ULB), on the preparation day, and prepare them before the weekly Sabbath.
7	Saturday	Just before dark, exactly three days and three nights after Jesus internment, he is resurrected to life by his God and Father.
1	Sunday	Before sunrise "as it was yet dark" the women with spices find the tomb empty. Two disciples are unaware of the news and are saddened Christ had not risen as Sunday was the day following the third day since all these things occurred – which proves Easter is false (Lk. 24:21; RNT, cf. Nestle-Aland GNT, 27 th Ed.).