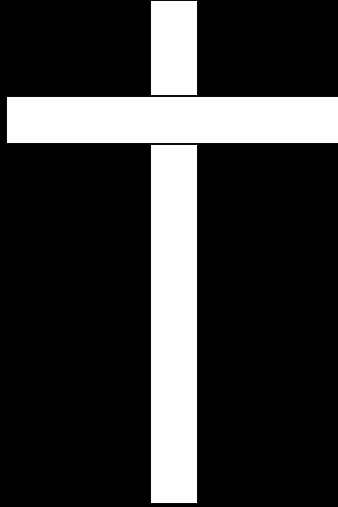


**The Cross
No Greater
Love**



**Crucified on Wednesday
Not Friday**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again." *Mat. 20:18,19*

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." *John 15:13*

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." *Luke 9:51*

"Ye know that after two days is the feast of the **Passover** (Thursday), and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified." *Mat. 26:2* The day before the Passover was Wednesday a holyday Sabbath, the feast of unleavened bread.

"Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover." *Mat. 26:17-19*

"And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of

the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born. *Mark 14:18-21* (Judas then left to do his evil, betrayal of his God and Creator. Just like Satan.)

“Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, **they went backward, and fell to the ground.** (This show of power scared them to death) Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they (trembling) said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way.” *John 18:3-8* (No one took him by force he went willingly to be condemned and crucified for the sins of his sheep.)

“And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.” *Mat. 26:57* (Where they held an illegal trial at night.)

“When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.” *Mat. 27:1* (Because he said **he was**

the Son of God.) “And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.” *Mat. 27:2* (Hoping to get Pilate to kill him for them.)

Pilate “Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him.” *Luke 23:14*

“When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, **I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.** Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.” *Mat. 27:24*

“Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called

Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull. They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.” *Mat. 27:27-37* (**Crucified about 9 Wednesday morning.** Wednesday at sunset, about 6 began a High Sabbath a holy day. The Passover follows on Thursday.)

“Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.” *Mat 27:45* (From 12 noon to 4 in the afternoon. There was no storm, no eclipse, but a supernatural thick darkness.)

“Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When **Jesus** therefore had received the vinegar, he **said, It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” *John 19:29,30*

“And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit (after he had said: “**it is finished**”): and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” *Luke 23:45-46* (His life was not taken from him, he gave it up willingly for you on his command.)

“And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the **top to the bottom**; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves **after his resurrection**, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God.**” *Mat. 27:50-54* (He hung on the cross for about 7 hours from about 9AM to 4PM.)

“And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just. (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.” *Luke 23:50-56*

“Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others

with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but **is risen**: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words, And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. *Luke 24:1-10*

“Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.” *Johu 20:19*

“And as they (the disciples) thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.” *Luke 24:36-39*

“And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you (The Holy Ghost would be given to all God’s children who believe on him after the day of Pentecost. Being born again of His Spirit.): but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.” *Luke 24:46-53*

“After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.” *1Cor. 15:6*

In Summary

The Hebrew day was from sunset to sunset whereas our day is from midnight to midnight.

He was Crucified on Wednesday morning about nine, and hung on the cross for six hours and **Died**. From the sixth hour about twelve noon to three in the afternoon there was a supernatural thick darkness over all the earth. “And about the ninth hour Jesus cried

with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" *Mat. 27:46* God had placed the sins of all mankind upon His Son's cross. God could no longer bear to look upon his only begotten son and had to turn his face away. Surely tears were rolling down the face of God the Father. Our Holy God could no longer bear to look upon the vileness upon his son. Hung on the cross for one more hour dead, for a total of seven hours. He was buried in a new tomb hewn out of rock, with a huge stone over the opening, sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers. (Buried Wednesday just before sunset.) Three days and three nights, **Dead** (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). At sunrise Sunday morning He Rose from the Dead, **He walked out of the tomb Alive!!** He had given his body a living sacrifice for us conquering sin and death. Jesus the Holy Conqueror has returned into heaven now appearing as our eternal High Priest. All who will call upon him in truth, He offers the gift of forgiveness and eternal life through his blood on the cross.

Read the complete account in the Word of God, The King James Holy Bible. Put your faith and trust in Jesus who gave his blood, to save you from hell.