

## **THE RESURRECTION WAS NOT ON SUNDAY**

**Some religious leaders and Christians think that the crucifixion happened on so-called Good Friday. The reason they think that is because they have been taught that Friday is the preparation day for the seventh day Sabbath, which the world calls Saturday. But you must remember that Jesus was crucified during the Feast of the Passover.**

**In the week of the crucifixion, there were two preparation days. One was on Wednesday and one was on Friday. Jesus was crucified on the preparation day that fell on the Wednesday according to John 19:14.**

**John 19:14** And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

**15** But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

**Remember, the Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign that would prove that He was the true Messiah. He said to the Pharisees and scribes, “the only sign that I’m**

**going to give you is the sign of Jonah. As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so shall the son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights”.**

**Understand that three days and three nights consist of seventy-two hours. Jesus said there was twelve hours in a day and there is twelve hours also in a night.**

**John 11:9** Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

**Remember, Jesus was crucified in the midst of the week according to Daniel 9:27.**

**Daniel 9:27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

**The midst of a week is the fourth day of the week which we call Wednesday. That Wednesday was the Wednesday that Jesus was crucified on. That Wednesday was the 14<sup>th</sup> day on the Hebrew Calendar**

**of the month of Abib on Passover and was the preparation day for the feast of Unleavened Bread which was that Thursday, the fifth day of the week; Jesus was crucified on that Wednesday during the third hour which is our 9:00 am.**

**Mark 15:25** And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

**26** And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

**Remember Jesus gave the Pharisees a sign that He would be in the heart of the earth, three days and three nights like Jonah was in the belly of the whale, three days and three nights.**

**Matthew 12:38** Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

**39** But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

**40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**In order for Jesus to be the true Messiah, these scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning His resurrection. He had to be in the earth, three days and three nights or else He would not be the true Christ for the scripture cannot be broken.**

**John 10:35** If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

**Jesus Christ had to fulfill the prophecy of Jonah. In order to do that, He had to be in the earth seventy-two hours. It could not be possible if He was crucified on so-called Good Friday. The most Jesus would have been in the earth was thirty-six hours. Remember they buried Him around 6:00 p.m. on a Wednesday according to:**

**Mark 15:37** And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

**The Jews wanted Jesus off the cross before the *High Sabbath* started which was that Thursday, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That's the reason they said the body should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath day. That Sabbath day was a *High Sabbath* which meant that it was a feast Sabbath and not a regular seventh day Sabbath.**

**When the word *High Sabbath* is used, it's always talking about one of the feast day Sabbaths and not the seventh day Sabbath.**

**John 19:31**The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

**Understand that God has more than one Sabbath. He has feast day Sabbaths as well according to Leviticus chapter 23:1-7. But they are kept differently than the regular seventh day Sabbath which is the holy rest day found in Exodus 20:4.**

**These other Sabbaths are the Feast of Unleavened Bread; the first and the last day of a seven day period, the Feast of Trumpets which is one day; the Day of Atonement, which is one day and the Feast of Tabernacles, which is eight days with the first and last day, a Sabbath. These are called *High Sabbaths*.**

***High Sabbaths* have preparation days also. The preparation day for the *High Sabbath* of Unleavened Bread was the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Abib which fell on a Wednesday the year that Jesus was crucified**

**which was the Passover. The Passover is the preparation day for the Feast of Unleavened Bread:**

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**15**But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

**The preparation day in that week for the regular seventh day Sabbath was Friday. However, the writers who translated the New Testament were not Jewish writers and were not familiar with the preparation day for the feast of Unleavened Bread which was that Wednesday. They gave the opinion to the New Testament saints in modern times that the preparation day that Jesus died on was so-called Good Friday.**

**But that is not true. The preparation for the regular seventh day Sabbath was Friday. There were two preparation days in that week. One for the Feast of Unleavened Bread that the Passover Lamb would be killed on, which was Wednesday, and the preparation**

**day for the regular seventh Day Sabbath, which was Friday. That's the reason John wrote in John 19:14 that the preparation of the Passover was going on which was the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib.**

**Remember, the women could not properly dress the body of Jesus on the fourteenth day which was the Passover because they would be polluted for the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread which was a *High Sabbath*. Neither could they see about the body on that Friday which was the preparation day for the seventh day Sabbath. They had to wait until after both Sabbaths, the High Sabbath, which were the First Day of Unleavened Bread and the seventh day Sabbath to go to the gravesite to properly dress Jesus' body with spices they had prepared.**

**When the seventh day Sabbath had ended, they went immediately to the gravesite of Jesus while it was yet dark to dress His body. When they got there, they found two angels standing on each side of the tomb. The angels said to the women, "Why seek the living among the dead, He has risen."**

**Remember, the prophecy of Jonah had to be fulfilled which was three days and three nights. Jesus was buried on a Wednesday in haste around 6:00 pm because the Jews did not want the body on the cross on the High Sabbath which was the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.**

**So let's begin to count, Wednesday from 6:00 pm to Thursday to 6:00 pm would be one day. Thursday from 6:00 pm to Friday at 6:00 pm would be two days. Friday at 6:00 pm to Saturday at 6:00 pm would be three days and three nights.**

**Jesus rose on the seventh day Sabbath before the sun went down the same time He was put in the grave on Wednesday, giving Him seventy-two hours which was three days and three nights in the heart of the earth fulfilling the prophecy of Jonah, which He gave to the Jews who asked for a sign showing that He was the true Messiah for the scripture cannot be broken.**

**When the women got there on the day we call Sunday, which is the First day of the week, Jesus was already gone. The angels said He had risen. Not that He's rising, but had risen which is past tense in the English**

**language. Remember, the Jews were not keeping time like the gentiles keep today. Their day was from sundown to sundown according to:**

**Leviticus 23:32** It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

**The sun ended their day and a new day started. Early Sunday morning in biblical time was once the Sun went down. The women could not go to the grave until the sun went down unless they would have broken the seventh day Sabbath. When the Bible says early Sunday morning, it's talking about the seventh day Sabbath ending at sundown, Jewish time. Mary the mother of Jesus and the other women got to the tomb at the end of the seventh day Sabbath, the beginning of the first day of the week but Jesus had already risen.**

**Mark 16:6** And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

**Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples 18 hours earlier because He knew that He had to fulfill the scripture and be crucified the same time the Israelites**

**killed the Old Testament Passover Lamb. So He desired to eat the Passover with His disciples early that year. He could not eat the Passover and be crucified at the same time. So He ate it early that year according to John 13.**

**John 13:1** Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

<sup>2</sup>And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

**He also established the Lord's Supper the same night He ate the Passover with His disciples. That's the reason He said, "Do this in remembrance of me." The Lord's Supper consists of feet washing and communion, at the same service. This was a New Testament service that could only be kept when Jesus ordained it, in His remembrance. The Lord's Supper is a memorial the same way the Old Testament Passover was a memorial to the children of Israel. They could only keep it in its proper season, once a year. A memorial is not something you do every first Sunday, or once a month. You can only do it on the time that's**

**been designated for the memorial.**

**Let's use a natural example. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is a memorial of the establishment of the United States. It can only be kept on July 4<sup>th</sup>. You cannot keep it anytime you want to because it is a memorial of a specific event.**

**So Jesus, established a memorial that He requested for the New Testament church to do in remembrance of His suffering according to I Corinthians 11:23-26.**

**I Corinthians 11:23** For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

<sup>24</sup>And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

<sup>25</sup>After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

<sup>26</sup>For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

**Matthew 26:26** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

<sup>27</sup>And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

<sup>28</sup>For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

<sup>29</sup>But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

**Jesus let us know that the Lord's Supper which is a New Testament service, should only be done on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of month of Abib, once a year in its season.**

**We see that Jesus was not crucified on so-called Good Friday. We also see that He did not rise early Sunday Morning. We have given you precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little showing that the resurrection was not on Sunday and that Jesus was dead three days and three nights. He did not raise Himself from the grave but His Father did at the end of the seventh day Sabbath before the sun went down, giving Him three days and three nights in the grave fulfilling all the scriptures concerning His resurrection.**

**So remember now, Jesus Christ is our Passover sacrificed for us. When we keep the memorial supper**

**that Jesus told us to keep in remembrance of Him we are keeping Passover according to 1 Corinthians 5:7.**

**1 Corinthians 5:7** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

**The Most High said that the Passover shall be kept forever throughout the generations. The only thing that changed is the symbolism. Instead of a natural lamb with bitter herbs and unleavened bread, now its unleavened bread, and the cup of blessings, which we drink.**

**1 Corinthians 10:16** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

**Now we understand what Jesus meant when He said “Except you eat my flesh and drink my blood. You have no part with Me”.**

**John 6:53** Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

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