

God is NOT Honored by a Lie

How the 3 Day Count in the Tomb to the Resurrection was Fulfilled



God's Time Keeping - The Pattern

When speaking about His time in the tomb, Christ said this in the New Testament:

Matthew 12:40 New King James Version

**“⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”
(NKJV)**

When GOD said it was going to be three days and three nights – He meant three complete 24 - hour-days. God does NOT lie. Christ WAS NOT crucified on a Friday. Friday to Sunday is NOT three complete 24-hour days. First, you have to understand some things.

Open your Bible and look at Genesis 1

Genesis 1:1-5 New King James Version

“1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was^[a] on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.”(NKJV)

From the very beginning the same pattern of time keeping for a 24 hour day existed:



Since the first day of the week was created this way, all of the days of the week were also created this way.

God's SPIRITUAL light was always FIRST. A portion of Genesis 1:2 reads "...darkness *was*^[a] on the face of the deep." (NKJV) and then the Lord came on the scene and created natural light and divided the light from the darkness.

Christ was there at the very beginning when the earth was created, but He was there in a spiritual sense, not a physical sense.

Proverbs 8 : 1 - 11 New International Version

“8 Does not wisdom call out?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
² At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
³ beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:
⁴ “To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all mankind.
⁵ You who are simple, gain prudence;
you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.^[a]
⁶ Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say;
I open my lips to speak what is right.
⁷ My mouth speaks what is true,
for my lips detest wickedness.
⁸ All the words of my mouth are just;
none of them is crooked or perverse.
⁹ To the discerning all of them are right;
they are upright to those who have found knowledge.
¹⁰ Choose my instruction instead of silver,
knowledge rather than choice gold,
¹¹ for wisdom is more precious than rubies,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.” (NIV)

Proverbs 8 : 12 - 21 New International Version

¹² “I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;
I possess knowledge and discretion.
¹³ To fear the LORD is to hate evil;
I hate pride and arrogance,
evil behavior and perverse speech.
¹⁴ Counsel and sound judgment are mine;
I have insight, I have power.
¹⁵ By me kings reign
and rulers issue decrees that are just;
¹⁶ by me princes govern,
and nobles—all who rule on earth. ^[b]
¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me find me.
¹⁸ With me are riches and honor,
enduring wealth and prosperity.
¹⁹ My fruit is better than fine gold;
what I yield surpasses choice silver.
²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
along the paths of justice,
²¹ bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love me
and making their treasuries full.” (NIV)

Proverbs 8 : 22 - 27 New International Version

**“²² The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,^{[c][d]}
before his deeds of old;
²³ I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;
²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
²⁶ before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.
²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,” (NIV)**

Proverbs 8 : 28 - 36 New International Version

²⁸ when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
³⁰ Then I was constantly^[e] at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
³¹ rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.

³² “Now then, my children, listen to me;
blessed are those who keep my ways.
³³ Listen to my instruction and be wise;
do not disregard it.
³⁴ Blessed are those who listen to me,
watching daily at my doors,
waiting at my doorway.
³⁵ For those who find me find life
and receive favor from the LORD.
³⁶ But those who fail to find me harm themselves;
all who hate me love death.”” (NIV)

Later, He temporarily comes to earth in a physical sense as a human being and is here for approximately 33 years. He was conceived as a human being by the Holy Spirit, was crucified, and died for the sins of mankind. Christ's sacrifice on the cross took the place of ALL of the Old Testament sacrifices as an atonement for the sins of all who receive Him as their Savior. His resurrection exemplified what also would happen to us as well – that we would have everlasting life with Him in heaven.

John 8:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (NKJV)

Revelation 1:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,"^[a] says the Lord,^[b] "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (NKJV)

From the very FIRST day, the days ran from darkness to darkness NOT from sunset to sunset. WHY?

There was no sunset, because the sun had not even been created yet.

The sun wasn't created until the 4th day – when the Lord made the sun, moon, and stars.

In a cloudy sky, ancient man would not be able to determine when sunset occurred, but he **COULD** tell when darkness occurred even in a cloudy sky. Even today, the only way mankind knows when sunset occurs is through scientific intervention, but God did not intend that mankind would need scientific intervention – He wanted mankind to rely on HIM. He called the darkness “Night” and the light (meaning daylight) he called “Day,” and then he called the whole combination of the two “the first day.” (Gen 1: 5 NKJV), meaning the first 24 hour day.

NEED FURTHER PROOF?

Nehemiah 13:19

“¹⁹ So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted *some* of my servants at the gates, *so that* no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.”(NKJV)

Notice in that scripture that as it started to become dark they shut the gates of Jerusalem so that peddlers and merchants could not come in to sell their wares and to do business. The Sabbath was a day of rest from work. Darkness was coming on and the sabbath would begin AT darkness.

A man's cloak had to be returned before nightfall, because it was his blanket.

Exodus 22:25-27 New King James Version

²⁵ “If you lend money to *any of* My people *who are* poor among you, you shall not be like a moneylender to him; you shall not charge him interest. ²⁶ If you ever take your neighbor’s garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down. ²⁷ For that *is* his only covering, *it is* his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for *I am* gracious.”(NKJV)

Even after Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, the days were STILL measured from darkness to darkness. I can prove it through the NEW TESTAMENT. Paul says:

Ephesians 4:25-27 New King James Version

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*”^[a] for we are members of one another. ²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”:^[b] do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.”(NKJV)

Sinful actions needed to be dealt with and corrected within the SAME day that they occurred. Every attempt should be made to make sure an offense is not held to the next day. This is STILL true today! REMEMBER according to the Bible the days are STILL measured from darkness to darkness NOT midnight to midnight.

In order to better understand the scriptures, you have to know MORE about ancient time keeping.

Darkness or cloudiness brought one method of time keeping and a sunny day still another. At night, men were assigned the task of keeping watch over the people for their safety and protection. These time periods were called “*night watches*” (Psalm 63: 6 NKJV) and it is how we got the word “watch” when referring to a wrist watch for keeping time.

Water clocks, candles and oil lamps with marked increments, and sand/hour glasses were used at night to determine the length of each night watch or the hour of day on a cloudy day. (Higgins, Miner, Smith, Sullivan (2004), NIST - National Institute of Standards and Technology, 2004)

In the Old Testament the night watches were divided into thirds: First/Beginning, Middle, and Morning watch.

Psalm 63:5-7 New King James Version

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

⁶ When I remember *You* on my bed,
I meditate on *You* in the *night watches*.

⁷ Because *You* have been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of *Your* wings I will rejoice.”(NKJV)

FIRST/BEGINNING WATCH

Lamentations 2:18-19 New King James Version

**“¹⁸ Their heart cried out to the Lord,
“O wall of the daughter of Zion,
Let tears run down like a river day and night;
Give yourself no relief;
Give your eyes no rest.**

**¹⁹ “Arise, cry out in the night,
At the beginning of the watches;
Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord.
Lift your hands toward Him
For the life of your young children,
Who faint from hunger at the head of every street.””(NKJV)**

MIDDLE WATCH

Judges 7:18-20 New King James Version

“¹⁸ When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, ‘*The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!*’”

¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who *were* with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!””(NKJV)

MORNING WATCH

Exodus 14:23-25 New King James Version

“²³ And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

²⁴ Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵ And He took off^[a] their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.””(NKJV)

A morning watch can also be found in 1 Samuel 11:11.

In the New Testament, watches were divided into fourths. We know there had to be a first watch, because there is a second, third, and fourth mentioned in the Bible.

SECOND AND THIRD

Luke 12:37-39 New King James Version

³⁷ Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. ³⁸ And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and^[a] not allowed his house to be broken into.”(NKJV)

FOURTH WATCH

Matthew 14:24-26 New King James Version

“²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea,^[a] tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.”(NKJV)

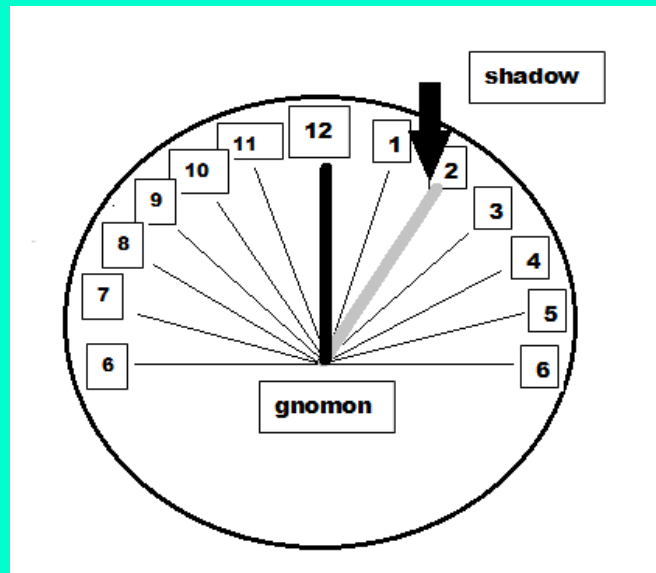
In modern time keeping, WE count the days from midnight to midnight, but sometimes we refer to the light as “daytime”, “daylight”, or “during the day.” Our combination of day and night – the whole 24-hour period is still called “a day.”

When we compute time we use a different standard of measurement. We have a standard that sets a day as being 1,440 minutes long, no matter what time of the year it is. We divide that number by the standard of a 60 minute hour and we get a 24 hour day.

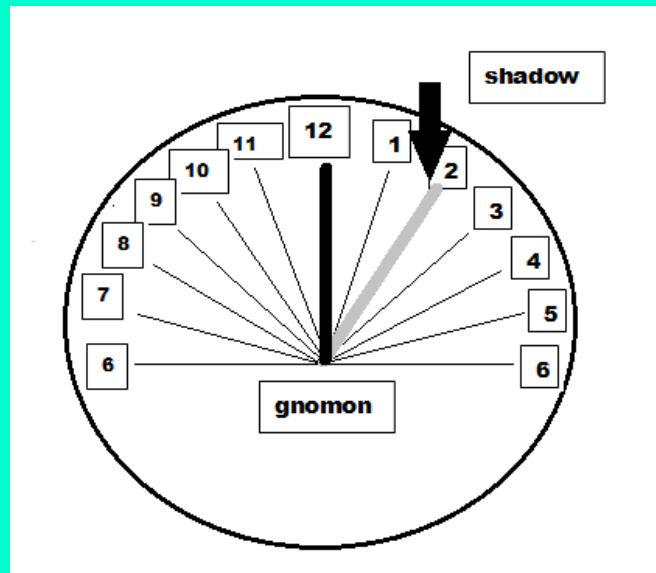
The hours on a sundial are different. They are based on a standard measurement of 12.

On a sunny day in the ancient world, time was kept using obelisks and sundials. A sundial measures time on a **SUNNY** day – during the daytime hours only - the time the sun is up. The sun rises in the East and moves to set in the West. The base of a sundial is circular and divided and marked into 12 parts numbered with numerals which make a shadow hour. A gnomon is in the center. At first a gnomon just consisted of a stick stuck into the ground. Later, it became an angular shape attached to a base which faced north creating greater accuracy. (Higgins et al., 2004 NIST)

Here is a sundial and it has marked increments or divisions and numerals around the outside edge. It has a gnomon in the center. I used a stick, just like they did in ancient time. It's pronounced ["nomon," the "g" is silent,] but it's spelled g-n-o-m-o-n like this: gnomon. When the sun would shine down on the gnomon, then it would cast a shadow and here we see a shadow in gray. Sometimes it would land in between the marked divisions, sometimes on the line, and in this case, it's on the 2.



Remember, the sun rises in the east and moves throughout the day until it sets in the west. Throughout the day, as the sun changes position in the sky it hits the gnomon and casts a shadow onto the marked divisions on the base which represent shadow hours. The length of a shadow hour is different than our 60 minute hours today, because shadow hours are based on sunlight alone. The length of the sun's shadow hours change with the seasons. In summer, the sun's shadow hours are long. In winter, the sun's shadow hours are short. (Higgins et al., 2004 NIST)



Sun Hours on a Sundial in Summer

Let's suppose it's the first day of Summer - the longest day of the year.

Let's use as an example a 5:25 a.m. sunrise and an 8:30 p.m. sunset on a sundial.

That means there were 905 minutes of sunlight on a sundial that day. We're using our mathematical concepts to figure this out, but remember, ancient man didn't know how many seconds were in a minute, etc. Everything was approximate. Remember, the sun hours on a sundial would have been divided by 12 for the number of divisions on the sundial. 905 minutes of sunlight divided by twelve equals a sun hour that is 75.41 minutes long.

Sun Hours on a Sundial in Winter

Let's suppose it's the first day of Winter – the shortest day of the year.

Let's use as an example a 7:16 a.m. sunrise and a 4:31 p.m. sunset on a sundial.

That means there were 555 minutes of sunlight on a sundial that day.

The sun hours on the sun dial on the first day of Winter would also have been divided by 12 for the number of divisions on the sundial. 555 minutes of sunlight divided by twelve equals a sun hour that is 46.25 minutes long. So you can see, the sun hours are longer in summer than in the winter on a sundial.

Proof can be found in the Bible of sun dials being used:

2 Kings 20:8-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

“⁸ And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What *is* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?”

⁹ Then Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing which He has spoken: *shall* the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?”

“¹⁰ And Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees.”

¹¹ So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the LORD, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.”(NKJV)

Isaiah 38:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

“⁷ And this *is* the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing which He has spoken: ⁸“Behold, I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.” So the sun returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down.”(NKJV)

So, when the Bible says this in....

John 11:8-10 New International Version

⁸ “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light.¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.” (NIV)

Christ was speaking about the sun on a SUNDIAL. He was talking about DAYLIGHT - NOT A 24 HOUR DAY. A 24-hour day consists of day + night.

The Apostles did not yet fully understand what God was doing.

The Jews did not crucify Christ - essentially, Father God orchestrated His own son’s death to bring about the salvation of His people and to bring the promised Messiah. Had mankind not sinned – no sacrifice would have been necessary.

Twelve sun hours began once the sun was up. They were counted off by using ordinal numbers, first hour, second hour, third hour, etc. and they were approximate, so in the Bible the word “about” is used when mentioning an hour.

A few examples of the use of the word “hour” in the Bible:

“very hour”... Daniel 4:33 (NKJV)

“same hour”... Daniel 5:5 (NKJV)

3rd hour.. Mark 15:25, Acts: 2:15, Acts 23:23 (KJV)

6th hour ... Matthew 20:3, Matthew 20:5, Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, Luke 23:44, John 4:6,
John 19:14, Acts 10:9 (KJV)

7th hour..... John 4: 52 (KJV)

9th hour.... Matthew 20:5, Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34, Acts 3:1, Acts 10:3, Acts 10:30 (KJV)

10th hour ... John 1:39 (KJV)

11th hour..... Matthew 20:6, Matthew 20:9 (KJV)

12th hour.... John 11: 8 – 10 This scripture mentions that there are twelve hours during daylight on a sun dial (KJV)

They also used the cocks crow. Matthew 26:34, Matthew 26:74, Matthew 26:75, Mark 13:35, Mark 14:30, Mark 14:68, Mark 14:72, Luke 22:34, Luke 22:60 - 61, John 13:38, John 18:27 (KJV)

Days of the Week

The “First day of the week”
AFTER Christ’s resurrection this day became “the
Lord’s Day” for Christians.
In reference to the Jewish people the Bible also calls
this “the day after the Sabbath.”

2nd day of the week

3rd day of the week

4th day of the week

5th day of the week

6th day of the week

7th day of the week - To the Jews this was called the
“Sabbath” prior to and after the crucifixion of Christ.
AFTER Christ’s Resurrection this is just the 7th day of
the week for Christians. The FIRST day of the week
became “the Lord’s Day” for Christians. (Rev. 1:10
NKJV)

Some Biblical Examples

(John 20:1 (NKJV)

(Rev. 1:10 NKJV)

(Leviticus 23:11 NKJV)

Genesis 1:8 (KJV)

Genesis 1:13 (KJV)

Genesis 1:19 (KJV)

Genesis 1: 23 (KJV)

Genesis 1:31 (KJV)

Exodus 16:23,25 & 26, Matthew 12: 1,2,5,8 & 10 (KJV)

Revelation 1:10 (KJV)

At first the month's were just numbered and they were moon months based on the full moon. (Psalm 81:3) Later, some had names given to them. Some have Hebrew names and some names were not Hebrew, because of the captivity in Babylon.

Psalm 81:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

**“³ Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.” (NKJV)**

| Numeric Month | Name of the Month | Recordings for pronunciation |
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| “first month” (Exodus 12: 2 NKJV) - occurs in the Spring | “Abib” [pronounced Aveeve] (Deut. 16:1 NKJV) (God Named it) and later also called “Nisan” [Nee-san] (Nehemiah 2:1 NKJV) (Probably of Foreign Origin) | H24 - 'abiyb - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H24&t=KJV |
| “second month” (Genesis 7:11 NKJV) | “Ziv” (1 Kings 6:1 NKJV) “Zif”(KJV) | H2099 - Ziv - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H2099&t=KJV |
| “third month” (2 Chronicles 15:10 NKJV) | “Sivan” [See-von] (Esther 8:9 NKJV) | H5510 - Ciyvan - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H5510&t=KJV |
| “fourth month” (Jeremiah 52:6 NKJV) | 4 th Month | |
| “fifth month” (Jeremiah 52:12 NKJV) | 5 th Month | |
| “sixth month” (Haggai 1:15 NKJV) | “Elul” [El-lul] (Nehemiah 6:15 NKJV) - This month can be identified based on it’s relation in time to the 7 th month in Nehemiah 8:2 | H435 - 'Eluwl - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H435&t=KJV |
| “seventh month” (Leviticus 16:29 NKJV) | “Ethanim” [A-thaw-neem] (1 Kings 8:2 NKJV) | H388 'Eythanim- Strong’s Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on May 21, 2018 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h388/kjv/wlc/0-1/ |
| “eighth month” (1 Kings 12:32 NKJV) | “Bul” [Bool] (1 Kings 6:38 NKJV) | H945 - Buwl - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from ; https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H945&t=KJV |
| “ninth month” (Haggai 2:10 NKJV) | “Chislev” [Kiss-lave] (Nehemiah 1:1 NKJV) “Chisleu” KJV) | H3691 - Kiclev - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H3691&t=KJV |
| “tenth month” (2 Kings 25:1 NKJV) | “Tebeth” [Tay- vayth] (Esther 2:16 NKJV) | H2887 - Tebeth - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H2887&t=KJV |
| “eleventh month” (Deuteronomy 1:3 NKJV) | “Shebat” [Shev – ott] (Zechariah 1:7 NKJV) (“Sebat” KJV) | H7627 - Shëbat - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H7627&t=KJV |
| “twelfth month” (Esther 9:1 NKJV) | “Adar” [Ad-darr] (Esther 3:13 NKJV) | H146 - 'Addar - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H146&t=KJV |

God's word says the beginning of the sacred new year begins with the month Abib [Aveeve] in the Spring NOT in the Fall as has been taught incorrectly. On the fourteenth day of the month Abib [Aveeve] the Lord took the Hebrew people out of bondage to Pharaoh.

Christ also takes all mankind who will believe in Him - out of bondage to Satan through Christ's death at Passover, His Entombment, His Resurrection, and through the baptism of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Some people have believed the lie that this calendar was changed when the Israelites were taken into captivity. This is NOT true and I can prove it to you.

In Ezekiel 40:1 New King James Version it states

**“40 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was ^[a]captured, on the very same day the hand of the LORD was upon me; and He took me there.”
(NKJV)**

You see, the Israelites WERE in captivity and it was the beginning of the year in the Spring NOT in the Fall of the year. You will see by the next scripture that they were instructed to observe the Passover, which we have already studied occurs in the first month of the year Abib [Aveeve], in the Spring NOT in the Fall. When we studied the months of the year, we DID see a reference for the name of the first month as “Nisan” (NKJV), but the SAME schedule was still being kept regardless of that fact . The beginning of the year was in the Spring.

In Ezekiel 45: 21 the Israelites were STILL in captivity and it STILL says the beginning of the Biblical year is in the SPRING NOT in the Fall as has been taught incorrectly. What are they celebrating? Passover, which I've already proven to you through the calendar (and will prove further through Exodus 12: 1 – 11 and Deuteronomy 16: 1) occurs in the SPRING in the first month of the year "Abib" (NKJV) pronounced [Aveeve] in the Hebrew.

Ezekiel 45: 21 New King James Version

"21 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten." (NKJV)

What were the original instructions?

Deuteronomy 16:1 New King James Version

"16 "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night." (NKJV)

The Israelites WERE celebrating the Passover at the correct TIME OF THE YEAR in the captivity, BUT they were STILL DISOBEYING IN ANOTHER WAY. Notice what Ezekiel says, "you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten." (NKJV)

Those WERE NOT the requirements for the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Originally, they were 2 SEPARATE DISTINCT FEASTS – COMBINED THEY LASTED 8 DAYS not 7.

The requirements for Passover then were the same as they were in Exodus 12: 1 – 11 and Deuteronomy 16: 1.

The celebration of Rosh Hashanah the so-called “Jewish New Year” in the Fall is a FALSE teaching.

Feast of Passover

Leviticus 23:4-5 New King James Version (NKJV)

“⁴ ‘These *are* the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. ⁵ On the fourteenth *day* of the first month at twilight *is* the LORD’s Passover.” (NKJV)

Exodus 12: 8 New King James Version

“⁸ Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.” (NKJV)

This is also referred to in scripture as the “Preparation Day.” (John 19:31 NKJV) Why? Because on this day work could be done, but on the next day the Feast of Unleavened Bread – no work could be done.

One Day

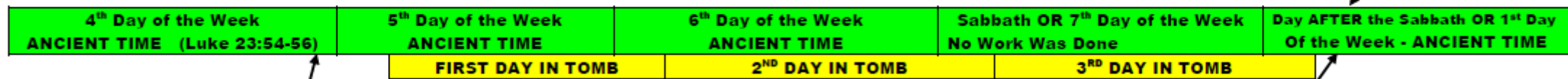
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Leviticus 23:6-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

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So, what preceded the Passover where Christ was crucified in the New Testament?

Matthew 26:1-16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹“26 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, ²“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

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¹⁰But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. ¹¹For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. ¹²For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. ¹³Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.” (NKJV)

Passover was the 14th Abib

Exodus 12:1-11 New King James Version

“12 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷ And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ⁸ Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ And thus you shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover.”(NKJV)

| The Correct Old Testament Passover Meal | The InCorrect Old Testament Passover Meal |
|---|---|
| | Green Vegetable, Usually Parsley |
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| | Egg |
| | Shank Bone |
| A male lamb - a sheep or goat without blemish of the first year that had been roasted in the fire - its head with its legs and its entrails - a HIGH protein meal for the journey. (Exodus 12: 1 -11) | |
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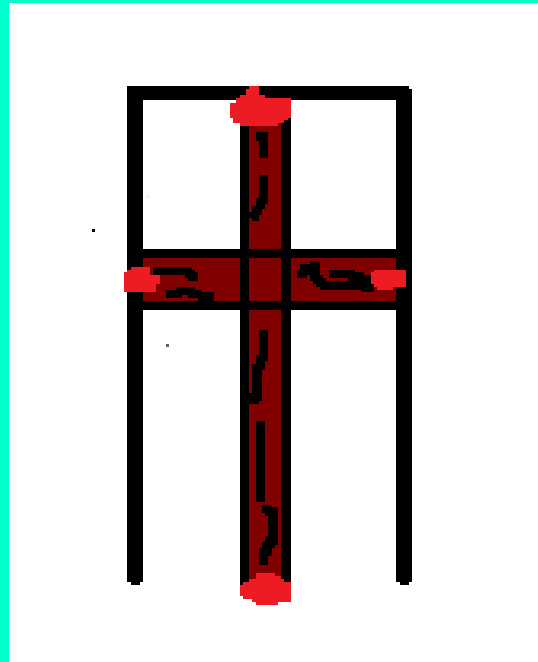
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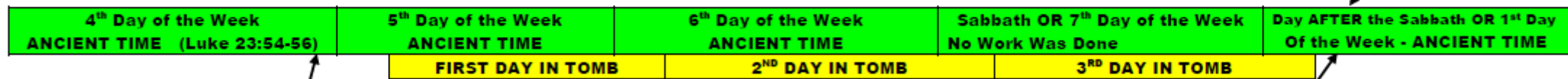
In the Old Testament Passover, God was taking His people out of bondage to Pharaoh which was prophetic for how Christ would take all mankind out of bondage to Satan for all who will receive Christ as their Savior.

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Christ said,

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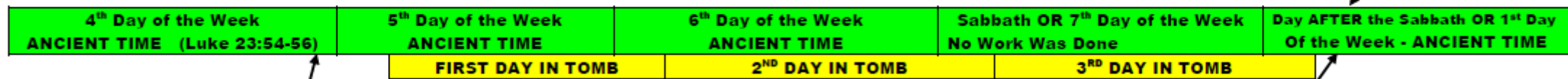
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I want to emphasize again, essentially, Father God orchestrated His own son's death to bring about the salvation of His people and to bring the promised Messiah.

John 3:16-17 New King James Version (NKJV)

“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (NKJV)

In Israel, in the Spring, the sun rises at approximately 6:00 a.m. around the Passover. This varies depending on the day it occurs.

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| Tenth Hour | 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
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| Twelfth Hour | 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. |

On the day of Christ's crucifixion the scriptures in

Mark 15:24-26 New King James Version (NKJV) reads

²⁴ And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them *to determine* what every man should take.

²⁵ Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS." (NKJV)

Matthew 27:45-50 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"^[a]

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Pronounced: [el – lee, el-lee, ley-ma sa-bach-thon-ee}

Christ endured the crown of thorns pounded into his head, Roman scourging (whipping and tearing of the flesh until near death), the pounding of nails into his hands and feet, hanging from those nails and the tearing of human flesh because of the hanging weight of His body, surely this would have caused such edema of tissue that He would indeed be unrecognizable.

These scriptures prophesied that Christ's legs would not be broken:

Exodus 12:46 New International Version (NIV)

“⁴⁶ “It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.” (NIV)

Numbers 9:12 New International Version (NIV)

“¹² They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its bones. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations.” (NIV)

Psalm 34:20 also prophesies that Christ's legs would not be broken on the cross. **New International Version (NIV)**
"20 he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken." (NIV)

This scripture prophesies of the piercing of Christ's side:

Zechariah 12:10 **New International Version (NIV)**

"10 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit^[a] of grace and supplication. They will look on^[b] me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son." (NIV)

This scripture is the fulfillment in the New Testament.

John 19: 31 - 37 **New International Version (NIV)**

"31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. 32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. 35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. 36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"^[c] 37 and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."^[d]" (NIV)

The scriptures prophesy that Christ would be beaten beyond recognition.

Isaiah 52:13-15 New International Version (NIV)

“¹³ See, my servant will act wisely^[a];

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him^[b]—

**his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—**

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,^[c]

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.”(NIV)

This is only one of the many scriptures that prophesy of Christ's crucifixion and the reason He was sent to die on the cross.

Isaiah 53:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

**“53 Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.” (NIV)**

Isaiah 53:5-8 New International Version (NIV)

**“⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

**⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

**⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.**

**⁸ By oppression^[a] and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
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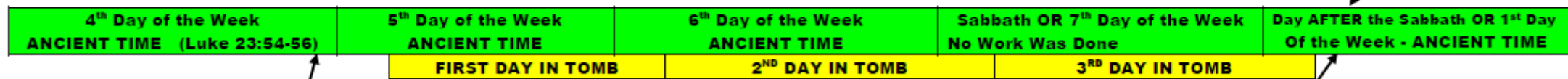
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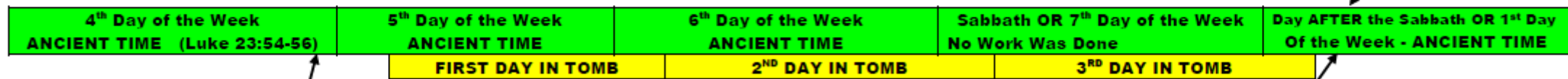
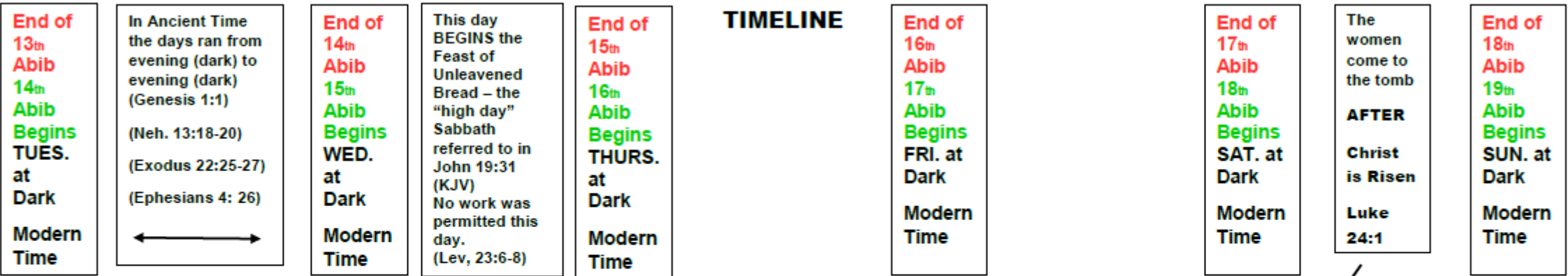
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The book of Luke 23: 50 – 56 New King James Version also confirms the time reference:

⁵⁰ Now behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting^[o] for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb *that was* hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before. ⁵⁴ That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

⁵⁵ And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.” (NKJV)



Passover **BEGINS**. No leaven was eaten on this day as well. (Exodus 12:8)

The Last Supper – Matthew 26: 20 – 29

This is **ALSO** the day of preparation Luke 23:54-56 for the Feast of Unleavened Bread – the next day no work could be done.

In the a.m. Peter denies Christ and the rooster crows.

Matthew 26:69 – 75

IT IS STILL Passover

Christ is Crucified and dies around 3:00 P.M. He's placed in the tomb **BEFORE** the End of Passover at Dark - Luke 23: 50 - 56 because of the coming “high day” John 19:31 (KJV) sabbath – The Feast of Unleavened Bread – John 19:31 **NO WORK PERMITTED**

Notice, time had transpired between when Christ was **PLACED IN THE TOMB** and when it was **SEALED** by an authority. Christ was placed in the tomb towards the end of the Passover and then the Feast of Unleavened Bread **HAD ALREADY STARTED** when the Chief Priests and Pharisees go to Pilate and want the tomb sealed and a watch set. (Matthew 27: 62-66) After the tomb is **SEALED** the 3-day count begins here! It **WAS** the starting point, because in order to fulfill the requirements for the Day of Atonement according to Leviticus 16:17, no one could enter the tomb.

Leviticus 16:17
 “17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.”(KJV)

Until it **WAS** sealed there was no guarantee that Lev. 16:17 would be kept.

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I've already confirmed to you how the men walking to Emmaus confirm that it is the **THIRD DAY when Christ is resurrected, but there is something else that is **very** important that they also confirm. As they were walking, they said this in Luke 24:19-21 New International Version:**

“...About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ” (Luke 24:19-21 NIV)

The men walking to Emmaus, don't even realize that with their OWN words they are confirming what actually took place. The redemption of Israel HAD to begin with the sealing of the tomb by an authority to bring it to completion. Remember what Leviticus 16:17 says:

Leviticus 16:17 King James Version

"17 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel."(KJV)

What does the word “redeem” mean in Luke 24:21 (NIV)?

In the Greek it is “lytroō” pronounced [loo -trow (the ending pronounced similar to “now”)] (Strong’s, G3084, BLB, 2019)

“to release on receipt of ransom”

“to redeem, liberate by payment of ransom”

“to liberate”

“to cause to be released to one’s self payment of a ransom”

“to redeem”

“to deliver: from evils of every kind, internal and external” (Strong’s, G3084, BLB, 2019)

Who was redeemed through Christ’s death and resurrection?

All mankind who will believe in him and are thus saved. All Israel WILL believe and be saved too, but they have to believe in Christ as the Messiah!

It was prophesied since the Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 33:29 New American Standard Bible

“²⁹ “Blessed are you, O Israel;

Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,

Who is the shield of your help

And the sword of your majesty!

So your enemies will cringe before you,

And you will tread upon their high places.”” (NASB)

Isaiah 45:17-19 New American Standard Bible

**“¹⁷ Israel has been saved by the LORD
With an everlasting salvation;
You will not be put to shame or humiliated
To all eternity.**

¹⁸ For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and* did not create it ^[a]a waste place, *but* formed it to be inhabited),

“I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**¹⁹ “I have not spoken in secret,
In ^[b]some dark land;
I did not say to the ^[c]offspring of Jacob,
‘Seek Me in ^[d]a waste place’;
I, the LORD, speak righteousness,
Declaring things that are upright.” (NASB)**

Isaiah 45:20-21 New American Standard Bible

**“²⁰ “Gather yourselves and come;
Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations;
They have no knowledge,
Who carry about ^[e]their wooden idol
And pray to a god who cannot save.**

**²¹ “Declare and set forth *your case*;
Indeed, let them consult together.
Who has announced this from of old?
Who has long since declared it?
Is it not I, the LORD?
And there is no other God besides Me,
A righteous God and a Savior;
There is none except Me.” (NASB)**

Isaiah 45:22-25 New American Standard Bible

**“²² Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is no other.**

**²³ “I have sworn by Myself,
The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness
And will not turn back,
That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear *allegiance*.
²⁴ “They will say of Me, ‘Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.’
Men will come to Him,
And all who were angry at Him will be put to shame.
²⁵ “In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
Will be justified and will glory.”” (NASB)**

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 New King James Version (NKJV)

“23 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the LORD. ³ “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴ I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the LORD. ⁵ “Behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and ^[a]prosper, And execute ^[b]judgment and righteousness in the ^[c]earth. ⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this *is* His name by which He will be called: ^[d]THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” (NKJV)

Who was the BRANCH that Jeremiah was prophesying about? The Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 23: 7 - 12 New King James Version (NKJV)

“7“Therefore, behold, *the* days are coming,” says the LORD, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’⁸ but, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”

⁹ My heart within me is broken

Because of the prophets;

All my bones shake.

I am like a drunken man,

And like a man whom wine has overcome,

Because of the LORD,

And because of His holy words.

¹⁰ For the land is full of adulterers;

For because of a curse the land mourns.

The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up.

Their course of life is evil,

And their might *is* not right.

¹¹ “For both prophet and priest are profane;

Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness,” says the LORD.

¹² “Therefore their way shall be to them

Like slippery *ways*;

In the darkness they shall be driven on

And fall in them;

For I will bring disaster on them,

The year of their punishment,” says the LORD.” (NKJV)

Jeremiah 23: 13 - 18 New King James Version

¹³ “And I have seen [e]folly in the prophets of Samaria:
They prophesied by Baal
And caused My people Israel to err.

¹⁴ Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem:
They commit adultery and walk in lies;
They also strengthen the hands of evildoers,
So that no one turns back from his wickedness.
All of them are like Sodom to Me,
And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

¹⁵ “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets:
‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,
And make them drink the water of gall;
For from the prophets of Jerusalem
[f]Profaneness has gone out into all the land.’ ”

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts:
“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.
They make you worthless;
They speak a vision of their own heart,
Not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me,
‘The LORD has said, “You shall have peace” ’;
And to everyone who walks according to the [e]dictates of his own heart, they say,
‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”

¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD,
And has perceived and heard His word?
Who has marked His word and heard *it?*” (NKJV)

Jeremiah 23: 19 - 27 New King James Version

**“19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—
A violent whirlwind!**

It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.

**²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back
Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart.**

In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

**²¹ “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.**

**²² But if they had stood in My counsel,
And had caused My people to hear My words,
Then they would have turned them from their evil way
And from the evil of their doings.**

**²³ “Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD,
“And not a God afar off?**

**²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places,
So I shall not see him?” says the LORD;**

“Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.” (NKJV)

Jeremiah 23: 28 - 33 New King James Version

**“28“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream;
And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully.
What *is* the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD.**

**29 “*Is* not My word like a fire?” says the LORD,
“And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?**

30 “Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who steal My words every one from his neighbor. 31 Behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’ 32 Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams,” says the LORD, “and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,” says the LORD.

33 “So when these people or the prophet or the priest ask you, saying, ‘What is the ^[h]oracle of the LORD?’ you shall then say to them, ^[i]‘What oracle?’ I will even forsake you,” says the LORD.” (NKJV)

Jeremiah 23: 34-40 New King James Version

³⁴ “And *as for* the prophet and the priest and the people who say, ‘The [i]oracle of the LORD!’ I will even punish that man and his house. ³⁵ Thus every one of you shall say to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, ‘What has the LORD answered?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’ ³⁶ And the [k]oracle of the LORD you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God. ³⁷ Thus you shall say to the prophet, ‘What has the LORD answered you?’ and, ‘What has the LORD spoken?’ ³⁸ But since you say, ‘The [i]oracle of the LORD!’ therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Because you say this word, “The oracle of the LORD!” and I have sent to you, saying, “Do not say, ‘The oracle of the LORD!’” ³⁹ therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and *will cast you* out of My presence. ⁴⁰ And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.’ ”
(NKJV)

Romans 11:25-36 New American Standard Bible

“²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

**“THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”**

**²⁷ “THIS IS ^[a]MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”**

²⁸ ^[b]From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but ^[c]from the standpoint of *God’s* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. ³² For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches ^[d]both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? ³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM ^[e]THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory ^[f]forever. Amen.” (NASB)

Christ fulfilled the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Day of Atonement and He still fulfills even more through His Resurrection, and even beyond through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Christ HAD to be resurrected on the day after the Sabbath or the first day of the week to fulfill even more Old Testament scriptures.

Christ is our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

“7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.[\[a\]](#)”(NKJV)

Yeast is created by the impurities in the flour/grain. The Apostle Paul equated yeast/leaven with sin. Christ was “unleavened” or sinless. (NKJV) In this scripture, the Apostle Paul urges us to be without leaven or sinless the same way Christ was. Christ was our Passover lamb when He died on the cross for the sins of all mankind who will receive Him as their Savior.

Leviticus 23: 6 – 8 New King James Version

“⁶ And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. ⁷ On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no ^[a]customary work on it. ⁸ But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work *on it.*’ ”” (NKJV)

**Christ IS the Unleavened Bread for Passover at His crucifixion
and Christ is the Unleavened bread for the Feast of Unleavened Bread during his entombment.**

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

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⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.” (NKJV)

John 6:35 New King James Version (NKJV)

“³⁵ And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” (NKJV)

The Old Testament in

Leviticus 23: 9 – 14 New King James Version says...

“⁹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. ¹¹ He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. ¹² And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD. ¹³ Its grain offering *shall be* two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a ^[b]sweet aroma; and its drink offering *shall be* of wine, one-fourth of a hin. ¹⁴ You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.” (NKJV)

Christ WAS the sheaf and First Fruit offering that fulfilled that Old Testament requirement at His Resurrection on the Day after the Sabbath.

1 Corinthians 15:20-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

“²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.”(NKJV)

In the Old Testament, God instructed His people to make the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and a Mercy Seat where He would meet with them.

Exodus 25:1-9 New King James Version

“25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² “Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. ³ And this *is* the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁴ blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, fine linen, and goats’ *hair*; ⁵ ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; ⁶ oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; ⁷ onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. ⁸ And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. ⁹ According to all that I show you, *that is*, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall *make it.*”(NKJV)

Exodus 25:10-22 New King James Version

¹⁰ “And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. ¹¹ And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. ¹² You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in its four corners; two rings *shall be* on one side, and two rings on the other side. ¹³ And you shall make poles *of* acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. ¹⁴ You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. ¹⁵ The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. ¹⁶ And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

¹⁷ “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length and a cubit and a half its width. ¹⁸ And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹ Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it *of one piece* with the mercy seat. ²⁰ And the cherubim shall stretch out *their* wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim *shall be* toward the mercy seat. ²¹ You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. ²² And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which *are* on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”(NKJV)

Christ IS the Ark and the Mercy Seat in the New Testament. God created them through Christ Himself in that tomb which was a temporary Tabernacle.

John 20:11-13 New International Version

“¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.”

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”” (NIV)

That’s because He was already risen!

Notice how the angels are positioned where Christ had been laid. They are positioned the same way they were positioned on the Mercy Seat that had covered the Ark in the Old Testament.

Leviticus 23: 26 – 32 New King James Version – The Day of Atonement

“²⁶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²⁷ “Also the tenth *day* of this seventh month *shall be* the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. ²⁸ And you shall do no work on that same day, for it *is* the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹ For any person who is not afflicted *in soul* on that same day shall be cut off from his people. ³⁰ And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. ³¹ You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ³² It *shall be* to you a sabbath of *solemn* rest, and you shall [c]afflict your souls; on the ninth *day* of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall [d]celebrate your sabbath.”” (NKJV)

CHRIST WAS and IS the ATONEMENT for all mankind who will receive Him as their Savior:

Romans 3:24-26 New International Version

“²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^[a] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”(NIV)

Hebrews 2:16-18 New International Version

“¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them,^[a] fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” *(NIV)*

Leviticus 23: 15 – 22 New King James Version – The Feast of Weeks

¹⁵ ‘And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. ¹⁶ Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall bring from your dwellings two wave *loaves* of two-tenths *of an ephah*. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. *They are* the firstfruits to the LORD. ¹⁸ And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be *as* a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD. ¹⁹ Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering. ²⁰ The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *as* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. ²¹ And you shall proclaim on the same day *that* it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work *on it*. *It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

²² ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: *I am* the LORD your God.’ ”” (NKJV)

The Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Ingathering

Exodus 34:21-23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

²² “And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year’s end.

²³ “Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD God of Israel.”(NKJV)

“pentēkostē” pronounced [penta – cos-tay]

“1. Pentecost = “the fiftieth day””

G4005 - pentēkostē - Strong's Greek Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved from <https://www.blueletterbible.org//lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G4005&t=KJV>

The Feast of Pentecost fulfills the Feast of Weeks

50 days after Christ’s Resurrection which took place on the first day of the week is the Feast of Pentecost when the baptism of the Holy Spirit was given which fulfills the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23: 15 – 22) ALSO on the first day of the week. (Exodus 34:21-23) (Acts 2)

Christ fulfills this by saving and bringing in a harvest of souls for His Father. The Holy Spirit will be their guide.

Acts 2:1 - 13 New King James Version (NKJV)

“2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord^[a] in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

13 Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.””(NKJV)

Acts 2:14 - 21 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

²¹ And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.’^[b]” (NKJV)

Acts 2:22-33 New King James Version (NKJV)

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken^[d] by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him:

‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face,
For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
²⁷ For You will not leave my soul in Hades,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’^[d]

²⁹ “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,^[e] ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”(NKJV)

Acts 2:34 - 39 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁴ “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

‘The LORD said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”^[f]

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.””(NKJV)

Acts 2:40 - 47 New King James Version (NKJV)

“⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly^[g] received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church^[h] daily those who were being saved.”(NKJV)

Pentecost and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in every believer also fulfilled the Feast of Tabernacles and the Feast of Ingathering. Every believer becomes the booth and Tabernacle and hopefully remains that way.

Leviticus 23: 33 – 43 New King James Version

³³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴ “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles *for* seven days to the LORD. ³⁵ On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work *on it*. ³⁶ *For* seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a sacred^[e] assembly, *and* you shall do no customary work *on it*.

³⁷ ‘These *are* the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day— ³⁸ besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD.

³⁹ ‘Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD *for* seven days; on the first day *there shall be* a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest. ⁴⁰ And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the ^[f]fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. ⁴¹ You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall dwell in ^[g]booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, ⁴³ that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.’ ””
(NKJV)

Christ meets inside of us in OUR tabernacles, because He dwells in the hearts of every Christian believer.

Luke 17:20-22 New King James Version

“²⁰ Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’^[a] For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

²² Then He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see *it*.”(NKJV)

Christ fulfills the Feast of Ingathering by bringing in a harvest of souls (Matthew 9: 35 – 38) Throughout His ministry He equated the harvest with those that needed salvation.

Matthew 9:35-38 New King James Version (NKJV)

“³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.^[a] ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary^[b] and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few.³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.””(NKJV)

Also read Matthew 13:1 - 23

Leviticus 23: 23 – 25 New King James Version

“²³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴ “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, you shall have a sabbath-*rest*, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. ²⁵ You shall do no customary work *on it*; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.’ ””
(NKJV)

Christ IS the trumpet for the Feast of Trumpets (1 Thess. 4:16 & Rev.1:10 – 19),

1 Thessalonians 4:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

“¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”(NKJV)

Revelation 1:10-19 New King James Version (NKJV)

“¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and,^[a] “What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia:^[b] to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was like* the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me,^[c] “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ Write^[d] the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”(NKJV)

Christ's resurrection on the day after the Old Testament Sabbath day fulfilled the rest for all of us. Without His resurrection there would be no rest. Without His resurrection we would not be resurrected and rest with HIM in heaven when we die. CHRIST HIMSELF changed and moved the Lord's day to the first day of the week for Christians. The first day of the week runs from Saturday dark to Sunday dark.

Matthew 11:27-29 New King James Version

"²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.* ²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."(NKJV)

When Christ's death, resurrection, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit were fulfilled, Christ said the kingdom would be taken away from the Jews (Matthew 21:43) and out of the Old Testament law and be given to another nation – a nation of believers in Christ in whom the kingdom of God would dwell. The Jews would also have an opportunity to JOIN that nation once they would receive Christ Jesus as the Messiah and enter into the new nation of Christians. God HAD to change the day of rest, because if He hadn't the devil would always come calling making false accusations concerning whether you were obeying the OLD Testament law or not. It was protection.

Matthew 21: 42 – 44 New King James Version

“⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the LORD's doing,

And it is marvelous in our eyes’?^[1]

⁴³ “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. ⁴⁴ And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”” (NKJV)

In Matthew 5:17-18 Christ said:

“¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” (NKJV)

Christ HAD to fulfill the sabbath rest and all of the feasts according to His Father’s command. The Old Testament law was not completely fulfilled until Christ’s Resurrection on the first day of the week and also when the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost on the first day of the week. THEN everything passed from the Old Testament law.

Since Christ forgave PETER, He can forgive you too. Just say THIS prayer to receive Him as your Savior.

Lord Jesus Christ,

I confess all the times I've used my spirit, soul, and body, mind, will, and emotions in opposition to you - your kingdom, your word, and your will, either knowingly or unknowingly. I repent, and I renounce, all evil forces that have attached themselves to those sins. I ask that you tear down all evil strongholds, break every evil yoke, tie, and curse, and cleanse me of all unrighteousness. Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are Son of God and that you died on the cross to save me from my sins. I believe in your resurrection, and your resurrection life for myself. I ask that you come into my heart, into relationship with me as my Lord and Savior. I ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the baptism by fire. I ask that you guide and direct me, protect me, and help me to fulfill YOUR plans for my life. I thank you Lord Jesus I believe that I have already received the answers to my prayers. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now, get a Bible and join a Bible believing church. Make sure that they are teaching this the correct way. Get baptized by immersion the way Christ did. God Bless You!

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