

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 reads:

“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 reads:

**“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) reads:

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 wristwatch 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 reads:

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 reads:

“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)



When watches were divided into fourths - a 12-hour period of NIGHT was also adjusted for the seasons of the year. In the winter, nights are longer and daylight is shorter. In the summer, nights are shorter and daylight is longer. Each “watch” would contain 3 “hours” each, but they WERE NOT 60-minute hours. Ancient humankind used OTHER MEASURING METHODS such as hour glasses and water clocks for THOSE hours as we said before.

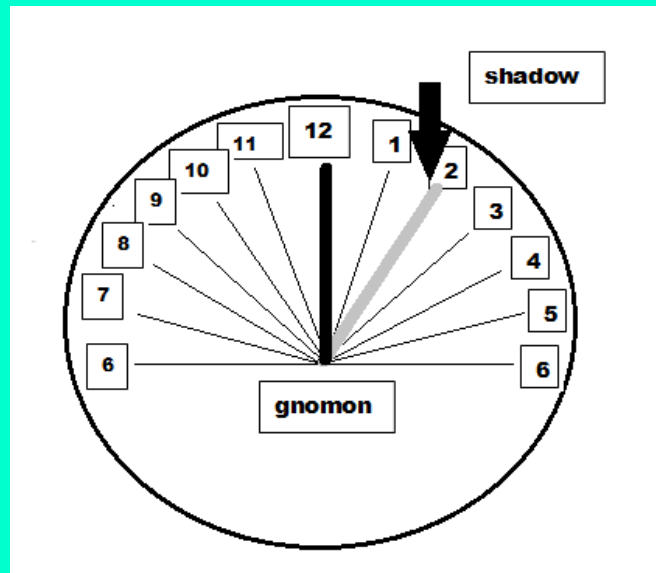
In modern time keeping, WE count the days from midnight to midnight, but sometimes we refer to the light as “daytime”, “daylight”, or “during the day.” Our combination of day and night – the whole 24-hour period is still called “a day.”

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.

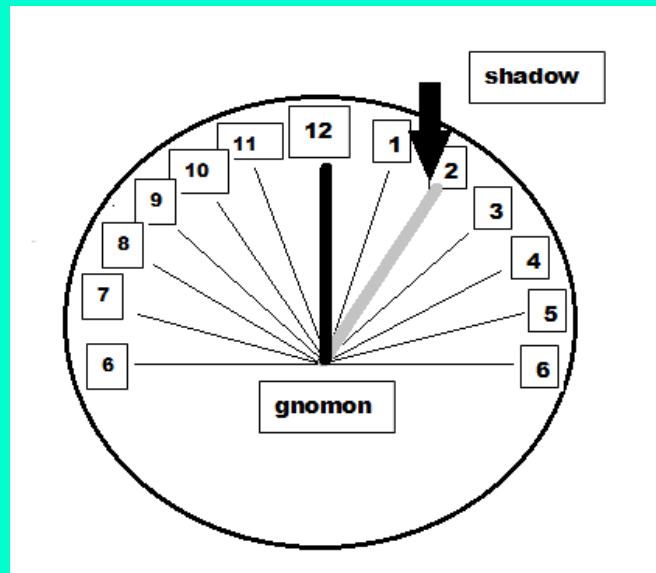
The hours on a sundial are different. They are based on a standard measurement of 12.

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) reads:

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 cock’s 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) reads:

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

Biblical Months of the Year

Please note: the pronunciations for the names of the months came from the resources shown on the chart and the pronunciations are in brackets [] in writing.

Numeric Month	Name of the Month	Recordings for pronunciation
“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?Strong's=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?Strong's=H2099&t=KJV
“third month” (2 Chronicles 15:10 NKJV)	“Sivan” [See-von] (Esther 8:9 NKJV)	H5510 - Clyvan - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strong's=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?Strong's=H435&t=KJV
“seventh month” (Leviticus 16:29 NKJV)	“Ethanin” [Ay-thaw-neem] (1 Kings 8:2 NKJV)	H388 'Eythanin - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on May 21, 2018 from: https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strong's=H388&t=KJV
“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?Strong's=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?Strong's=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?Strong's=H2887&t=KJV
“eleventh month” (Deuteronomy 1:3 NKJV)	“Shebat” [Shev – ott] (Zechariah 1:7 NKJV) (“Sebat” KJV)	H7627 - Shēbat - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (KJV). Retrieved on 5/21/18 from https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?Strong's=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?Strong's=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 reads:

"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

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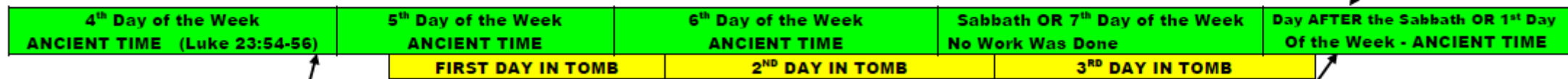
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Passover was the 14th Abib

Exodus 12:1-11 New King James Version

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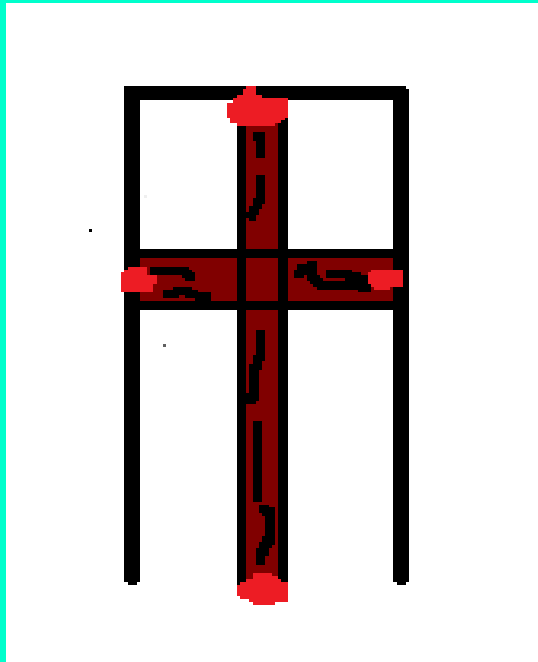
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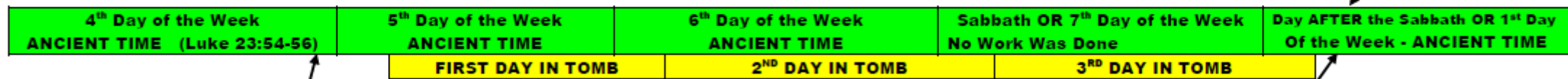
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Christ is the lamb without blemish, the unleavened bread, and the bitter herbs are prophetic for the bitter suffering on the cross He will endure. The Apostle Paul equated leaven with sin, because it is the impurities in grain that cause yeast organisms to form which make bread rise. The same is true when wine is made. The skins of the grapes also create organisms which create yeast and cause fermentation. Christ was WITHOUT impurities - WITHOUT leaven – He was sinless, so on that special night of Passover He served another meal as well. It was the last time Christ would celebrate the Passover with His Apostles so it is referred to as the Last Supper.

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Christ served the Passover meal that night and He also served the first communion meal. He told His Apostles to do this in remembrance of Him. The bread was unleavened and the drink was unleavened too. It was from the fruit of the vine in the “cluster” – it was juice. (Isaiah 65:8 NKJV)

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⁸ Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,
And *one* says, ‘Do not destroy it,
For a blessing *is* in it,’
So will I do for My servants’ sake,
That I may not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
And from Judah an heir of My mountains;
My elect shall inherit it,
And My servants shall dwell there.” (NKJV)

You can read additional information about the Last Supper in the book of John.

When speaking about communion to his congregation the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

“⁶ Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Therefore [a]purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed [b]for us. 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.” (1 Corinthians 5:6-8 NKJV)

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“¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the [a]twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, “With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

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¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. ²¹ But behold, the hand of My betrayer *is* with Me on the table. ²² And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”

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³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”(NKJV)

Also, on that night Christ prophesies that Peter will deny Him.

Matthew 26:31-35 I read from the New King James Version (NKJV) reads:

“³¹ Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be [a]made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:

**‘I will strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’**

³² But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

³³ Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are [b]made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”

³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

³⁵ Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”

And so said all the disciples.” (NKJV)

In the next scripture the Apostles are falling asleep. Remember, this is all happening at night and the Apostles have been up all day. Now they are tired. They do not understand what is about to happen and the seriousness of the situation. Within Matthew 26: 36 – 68 Christ is taken captive.

Matthew 26:36-42 I read from the New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

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“⁴⁴ So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour ^[b]is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” ⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”

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⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.” (NKJV)

In the book of Luke, we learn that when one of Christ's servants had cut off the right ear of the high priest - Christ healed him and reattached it to his head.

Luke 22:47-51 New King James Version reads:

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Notice, that even though Christ had performed this miracle BEFORE they took Him away, they still doubted that He was the Son of God.

Matthew 26:57- 68 I read from the New King James Version (NKJV)

“⁵⁷ And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

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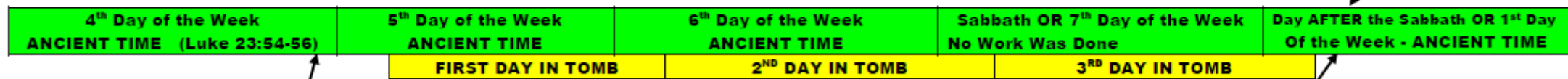
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In order for the **MANDATORY SEALING** of the tomb (Lev. 16:17) to be the starting point for the 3-day count - 2 additional proofs **HAD** to be met. The Resurrection **HAD** to occur on the **THIRD DAY AND IT HAD TO BE THE DAY AFTER THE SABBATH**. The fact that it **IS** the day **AFTER** the Sabbath can be confirmed through Luke 24:1-13 when on the “first day of the week” (Luke 24:1) (the day after the Jewish sabbath) the women go to the tomb and find that Christ is missing from the tomb (NIV). The men walking to Emmaus confirm that it is the “same day” in verse 24:13 and in verse 24:21 it says: “...**And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.**” (NIV)

Christ fulfills All of the Old Testament Feasts: 50 days after the Resurrection is the Feast of Pentecost when the baptism of the Holy Spirit was given which fulfills the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:21-23). Christ **WAS** the First Fruit (1 Cor.15: 19 – 21)

The Feast of Tabernacles was also fulfilled, because of the in-dwelling of Christ and the Holy Spirit within us. (Luke 17: 20-22) Christ **IS** the trumpet for the Feast of Trumpets (1 Thess. 4:16 & Rev.1:10 – 19), Christ was our Atonement – (Romans 3: 24 - 26, Hebrews 2:16-18) and still more. King James Version, Public Domain & THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. **God's Loving World Ministries and Pastor Anita Hiltz©2017 but, to GOD be ALL of the GLORY!**

Matthew 26:69-75 reads in the New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶⁹ Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”

⁷⁰ But he denied it before *them* all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

⁷¹ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him and said to those *who were* there, “This *fellow* also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”

⁷³ And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are *one* of them, for your speech betrays you.”

⁷⁴ Then he began to [\[a\]](#)curse and [\[b\]](#)swear, *saying*, “I do not know the Man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.” (NKJV)

Why did Peter deny the Christ?

He was afraid for his life. The Lord knew He would do this, but he wasn't alone – all of the Apostles ran. The Lord also knew that Peter would repent and be restored to his leadership position, because before the Passover ever occurs Christ assigns Peter the task of leading His church.

Matthew 16:13-18 in the New King James Version (NKJV) reads:

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

¹⁴ So they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not [\[a\]](#)prevail against it.” (NKJV)

I want to emphasize again, essentially, Father God orchestrated His own Son's death as a human being, so that Christ's death and blood sacrifice on the cross would fulfill all of the blood sacrifices required in the Old Testament once and for all to bring about the salvation of His people and to bring the promised Messiah.

John 3:16-17 New King James Version reads:

“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.

Ancient Numeric Sundial Hours which were counted ordinally – They were not 60 minute hours	Approximate Hours of the Day Computed the Modern way – These ARE 60 minute hours
First Hour	6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
Second Hour	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Third Hour APPROXIMATE TIME OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Fourth Hour	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Fifth Hour	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sixth Hour APPROXIMATE TIME OF WHEN THE LORD MADE THE LAND DARK WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL THE 9TH HOUR	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Seventh Hour	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Eighth Hour	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Ninth Hour APPROXIMATE TIME THAT CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tenth Hour	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Eleventh Hour	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Twelfth Hour	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Here are scriptures that confirm the timing on the chart.

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) reads:

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]

⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.” (NKJV)

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

Isaiah 11: 1 - 5 New King James Version

**“11 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.**

**2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.**

**3 His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.**

**5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.” (NKJV)**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 New International Version

“23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

**⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David^[a] a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.**

**⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.**

**This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.” (NIV)**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 English Standard Version

“¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’” (ESV)

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?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;

for the transgression of my people he was punished.^[b]” (NIV)

Isaiah 53:9-12 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes^[a] his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life^[b] and be satisfied^[c];
by his knowledge^[d] my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,^[e]
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,^[f]
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.” (NIV)

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. 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)

That word “sprinkle” in **Isaiah 52: 15 (ESV)** is referring to sprinkled blood, because the priests in the Old Testament were instructed to sprinkle the blood of the Old Testament sacrifices: before the veil of the sanctuary (Lev. 4:6 and Lev. 4:17), on the side of the altar (Lev. 5:9), on the priests garments (Lev. 8:30), on the mercy seat (Lev.16:14), on the front of the tent of meeting (Numbers 19:4), and on the tent and all its furnishings (Numbers 19:18).

THESE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES BELOW ARE SPEAKING ABOUT THE OLD COVENANT:

Hebrews 9:18-20 English Standard Version

“¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, **and sprinkled** both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”” (ESV)

THE SCRIPTURES BELOW SHOW THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICE REQUIREMENTS ONCE AND FOR ALL THROUGH CHRIST’S SHED BLOOD ON THE CROSS.

Hebrews 12:22-24 English Standard Version

“²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly^[a] of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, **and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”** (ESV)

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) reads:

“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.

Psalm 34:20 New International Version (NIV) reads:

**“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)

Psalm 22: 16 – 18 New American Standard Bible

**“¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me;
[n] A band of evildoers has encompassed me;
[o] They pierced my hands and my feet.
¹⁷ I can count all my bones.
They look, they stare at me;
¹⁸ They divide my garments among them,
And they cast lots for my clothing.” (NASB)**

Remember, this is STILL the Passover.

In Matthew 27: 1 – 12 we read about how Christ's crucifixion came about.

“27 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. ² And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to [a]Pontius Pilate the governor.

³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

And they said, “What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*”

⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

⁶ But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.” ⁷ And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, ¹⁰ and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me.”

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “*It is as you say.*” ¹² And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.” (NKJV)

Matthew 27: 13 – 25 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” ¹⁴ But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. ¹⁶ And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called [b]Barabbas. ¹⁷ Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

²⁰ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

They said, “Barabbas!”

²² Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

²³ Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

²⁴ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather *that* a [c]tumult was rising, he took water and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this [d]just Person. You see *to it*.”

²⁵ And all the people answered and said, “His blood *be* on us and on our children.” (NKJV)

Matthew 27: 26 - 38 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had [e]scourged Jesus, he delivered *Him* to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the [f]Praetorium and gathered the whole [g]garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When they had [h]twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

³² Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. ³³ And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, ³⁴ they gave Him [i]sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted *it*, He would not drink.

³⁵ Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, [j]that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

"They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots."

³⁶ Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. ³⁷ And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left." (NKJV)

Matthew 27: 39 - 53 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁹ And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build *it* in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

⁴¹ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the ^[k]scribes and elders, said, ⁴² “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. ^[u]If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe ^[m]Him. ⁴³ He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

⁴⁴ Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

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?”

⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.” (NKJV)

Matthew 27: 54 – 56 New King James Version

“⁵⁴ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and [\[n\]](#)Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.”(NKJV)

The scripture shown below is the fulfillment in the New Testament. The Day referred to as the “special Sabbath” in the NIV text shown below is the same “high day” sabbath referred to in the (KJV) version - the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread where no one could work. This was an additional sabbath that occurred the week of Christ’s crucifixion. No one could work on that day.

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

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)

CHRIST WAS PUT IN THE TOMB BEFORE DARK ON PASSOVER.

The book of Luke 23: 50 – 56 New King James Version 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)

The “Sabbath” being referred to is the First day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread when no one could work. (NKJV)

**Remember, once it became dark – the day changed from
Passover to the next day - the FIRST day of the Feast of
Unleavened Bread when no one could work.**

End of 13th Abib
14th Abib Begins TUES. at Dark
 Modern Time

In Ancient Time the days ran from evening (dark) to evening (dark) (Genesis 1:1)
 (Neh. 13:18-20)
 (Exodus 22:25-27)
 (Ephesians 4: 26)

End of 14th Abib
15th Abib Begins WED. at Dark
 Modern Time

This day **BEGINS** the Feast of Unleavened Bread – the “high day” Sabbath referred to in John 19:31 (KJV)
 No work was permitted this day. (Lev, 23:6-8)

End of 15th Abib
16th Abib Begins THURS. at Dark
 Modern Time

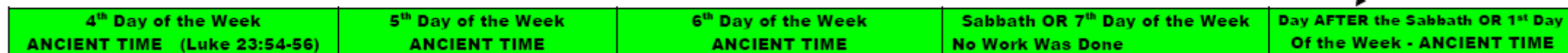
TIMELINE

End of 16th Abib
17th Abib Begins FRI. at Dark
 Modern Time

End of 17th Abib
18th Abib Begins SAT. at Dark
 Modern Time

The women come to the tomb
AFTER
 Christ is Risen
 Luke 24:1

End of 18th Abib
19th Abib Begins SUN. at Dark
 Modern Time



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.

Christ said,
 “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.”
 (Matthew 12:40 KJV)

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I want you to READ and SEE the scripture AGAIN for yourself that confirms the timing.

Matthew 27:62-66 New King James Version (NKJV)

“⁶² On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, ⁶³ saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come [a]by night and steal Him *away*, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”

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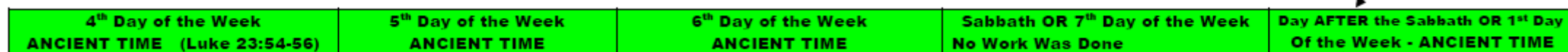
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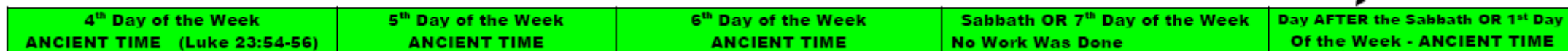
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Isaiah 55:11 New King James Version

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Now, look at the chart and count from the sealing of the tomb. Since He was sealed in the tomb just AFTER dark - then when we count the 3 days – the end of each day has to be AFTER dark. So, follow the yellow section on the chart to count the days. You see, it brings us to the day AFTER the Jewish Sabbath or the first day of the week which IS correct.

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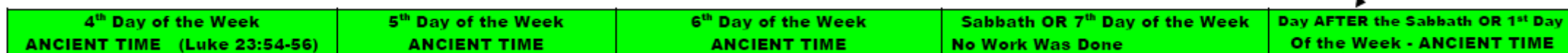
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Now, BEFORE I show you the Book of Luke, the Book of Matthew chapter 28:1 gives us some additional information as to what happens on the day AFTER the Sabbath while the women ARE ON THE WAY to the tomb. I'm going to PROVE that it was the day after the sabbath that Christ was risen and actually there were multiple trips to the tomb by particular people.

Matthew 28:1 New International Version

“28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.” (NIV)

In the Book of Mark, it is revealed that on the way to the tomb the women have no idea who is going to roll the stone away. We're talking about a huge boulder large enough to cover a large hole made of very heavy rock.

Mark 16:1-3 New International Version

“16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”” (NIV)

The book of Matthew tells us what happens **NEXT - AS THE WOMEN ARE ON THE WAY.**

Matthew 28: 1 – 4 New International Version reads:

“¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.” (NIV)

We know that the violent earthquake does not occur BEFORE the women leave from their homes, because there is no mention of it in another scripture. That means that the earthquake occurred **while they were on the way.** We know from the books of Luke 24:1-2, Matthew 28:1-4, Mark 16:4, and John 20:1 that the stone had already been rolled away by the time the women get there.

So, the ONLY EYEWITNESSES to this were the guards who were guarding the tomb. Notice the scripture says they became “like dead men.” (NIV) That word “like” (Matthew 28: 4 NIV) is used as a simile – a comparison being made with the words “like” or “as.” **So, the men ARE NOT ACTUALLY DEAD they are laying there on the ground AS IF THEY WERE DEAD.**

Notice, there was an earthquake to announce Christ’s death **AFTER** HE DIED ON THE CROSS and there was an earthquake to ANNOUNCE HIS RESURRECTION ALSO **AFTER HE WAS RESURRECTED ON THE DAY AFTER THE JEWISH SABBATH. IT OCCURS SOME TIME BEFORE THE WOMEN COME TO THE TOMB.** God is getting the people’s attention, and He is consistent!

Luke 24:1-8 New International Version reads:

“24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the **third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.” (NIV)**

In the Book of Matthew 28: 5 – 10 we know the women are told to go back to the other disciples and tell them that Christ is risen.

“⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” (NIV)

WHEN THE WOMEN GO BACK TO TELL THE OTHER DISCIPLES – THIS HAPPENS.

Matthew 28: 11- 15 New International Version

“¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, ‘You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.” (NIV)

Luke 24: 9 - 11 New International Version

“⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.” (NIV)

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Luke 24:12 New International Version reads:

“¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.” (NIV)

“⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)” (John 20:9 NIV)

John 20: 2 – 18 New International Version

“² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)** ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. 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.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

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The men walking to Emmaus confirm that IT IS THE THIRD DAY.

Luke 24:13-27 New International Version reads:

¹³ **Now that same day** two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

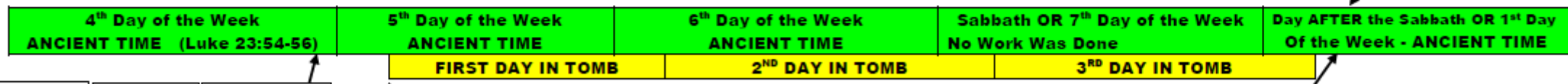
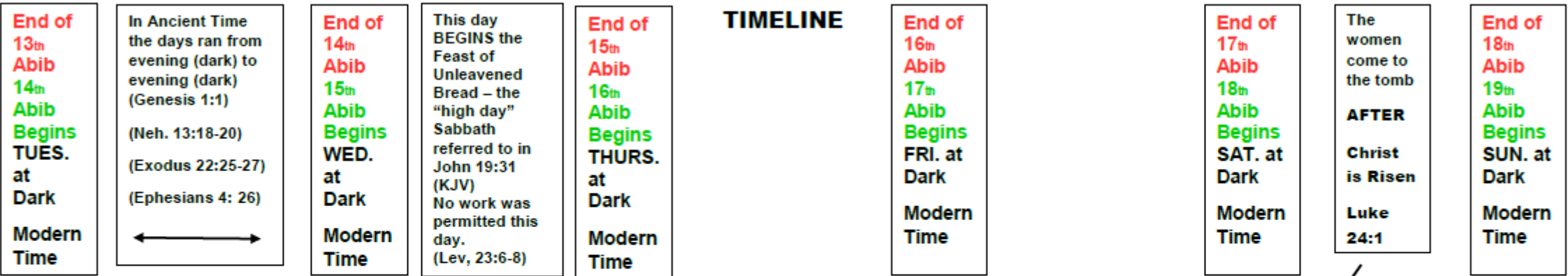
¹⁹ “What things?” he asked.

“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. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” (NIV)

“Cleopas” v.18 (NIV) is pronounced Clay-ah-pas (Strong's Lexicon, G2810)

Christ was risen on the FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK DURING THE FIRST WATCH OF THE NIGHT! Then God announces it later with an earthquake as the women are on their way to the tomb. The women come to the tomb and do not find His body. Then they go back to tell the other disciples and return to the tomb with them.



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.

Christ said,
 “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.**” (Matthew 12:40 KJV)

Christ is Risen and notice the new day had already started after dark, so it **WAS** the day **AFTER** the Jewish sabbath or the 1st Day of the Week. In **MODERN** time keeping, part of it was a Saturday and part of it a Sunday.

The women don't come until the a.m. – after Christ is already risen. Remember, they think they are coming to anoint a dead body (Mark 16:1)

In order for the **MANDATORY SEALING** of the tomb (Lev. 16:17) to be the starting point for the 3-day count - 2 additional proofs **HAD** to be met. The Resurrection **HAD** to occur on the **THIRD DAY AND IT HAD TO BE THE DAY AFTER THE SABBATH**. The fact that it **IS** the day **AFTER** the Sabbath can be confirmed through Luke 24:1-13 when on the “first day of the week” (Luke 24:1) (the day after the Jewish sabbath) the women go to the tomb and find that Christ is missing from the tomb (NIV). The men walking to Emmaus confirm that it is the “same day” in verse 24:13 and in verse 24:21 it says: “...**And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.**” (NIV)

Christ fulfills All of the Old Testament Feasts: 50 days after the Resurrection is the Feast of Pentecost when the baptism of the Holy Spirit was given which fulfills the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:21-23). Christ **WAS** the First Fruit (1 Cor.15: 19 – 21)

The Feast of Tabernacles was also fulfilled, because of the in-dwelling of Christ and the Holy Spirit within us. (Luke 17: 20-22) Christ **IS** the trumpet for the Feast of Trumpets (1 Thess. 4:16 & Rev.1:10 – 19), Christ was our Atonement – (Romans 3: 24 - 26, Hebrews 2:16-18) and still more. King James Version, Public Domain & THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. **God's Loving World Ministries and Pastor Anita Hiltz©2017 but, to GOD be ALL of the GLORY!**

Christ was not just sent to redeem Israel, but ALL HUMANKIND WHO BELIEVE IN HIM. It 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 reads:

"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)

God's Word says:

Isaiah 55:11 English Standard Version

**“¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (ESV)**

**This is why the Word of God in the Old Testament in Leviticus 16:17 had to be fulfilled
in the New Testament to bring about the atonement for ALL HUMANKIND.**

Luke 24:28-35 New International Version

“²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.” (NIV)

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

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, Israel;
Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,
The shield of your help,
And He who is the sword of your majesty!
So your enemies will cringe before you,
And you will trample on 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 this is what the LORD says, *He* who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and* did not create it ^[a]as a waste place, *but* formed it to be inhabited):

“I am the LORD, and there is no one 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 wasteland’;
I, the LORD, speak righteousness,
Declaring things that are right.” (NASB)**

Isaiah 45:20-21 New American Standard Bible

**“²⁰ “Gather yourselves and come;
Come together, you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge,
Who carry around ^[a]their wooden idol
And pray to a god who cannot save.**

**²¹ Declare and present *your case*;
Indeed, let them consult together.
Who has announced this long ago?
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 out 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.’
People 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 boast.”” (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. ²Therefore 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. ⁴I 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. ⁶In 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.

Romans 11:25-36 New American Standard Bible

²⁵ For I do not want you, brothers *and sisters*, 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 In relation to the gospel *they are* enemies on your account, but in relation to *God’s* choice *they are* beloved on account 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, ^[b]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, ^[c]THAT IT WOULD BE PAID BACK TO HIM? ³⁶ For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory ^[d]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) reads:

“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 reads:

“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. He is also the Unleavened bread for the feast of Communion.

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

“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]

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)

That scripture means getting rid of sin in your life in order to stay in fellowship with Christ and to prepare for the feast of communion when IN fellowship. If a person is WILLFULLY sinning against Father God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit and they KNOW they are doing it - then they are following the devil – NOT CHRIST. They are living in wickedness NOT TRUTH. This would also be taking Communion in an “unworthy manner” according to 1 Corinthians 11:27 (NKJV)

John 6:35 New King James Version (NKJV) reads:

“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)

CHRIST IS THE SHEAF FOR THE FIRST FRUIT OFFERING ACCORDING TO LEVITICUS 23: 9 – 14 AT HIS RESURRECTION AND THIS BEGINS THE 50 DAY COUNT TO PENTECOST, SO THE FEAST OF WEEKS IS FULFILLED BY THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST.

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)

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 reads:

“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 reads:

“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. That’s because CHRIST IS THE MERCY SEAT IN THE NEW 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 reads:

“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)*

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

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Christ Fulfills 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] in the Hebrew

“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)

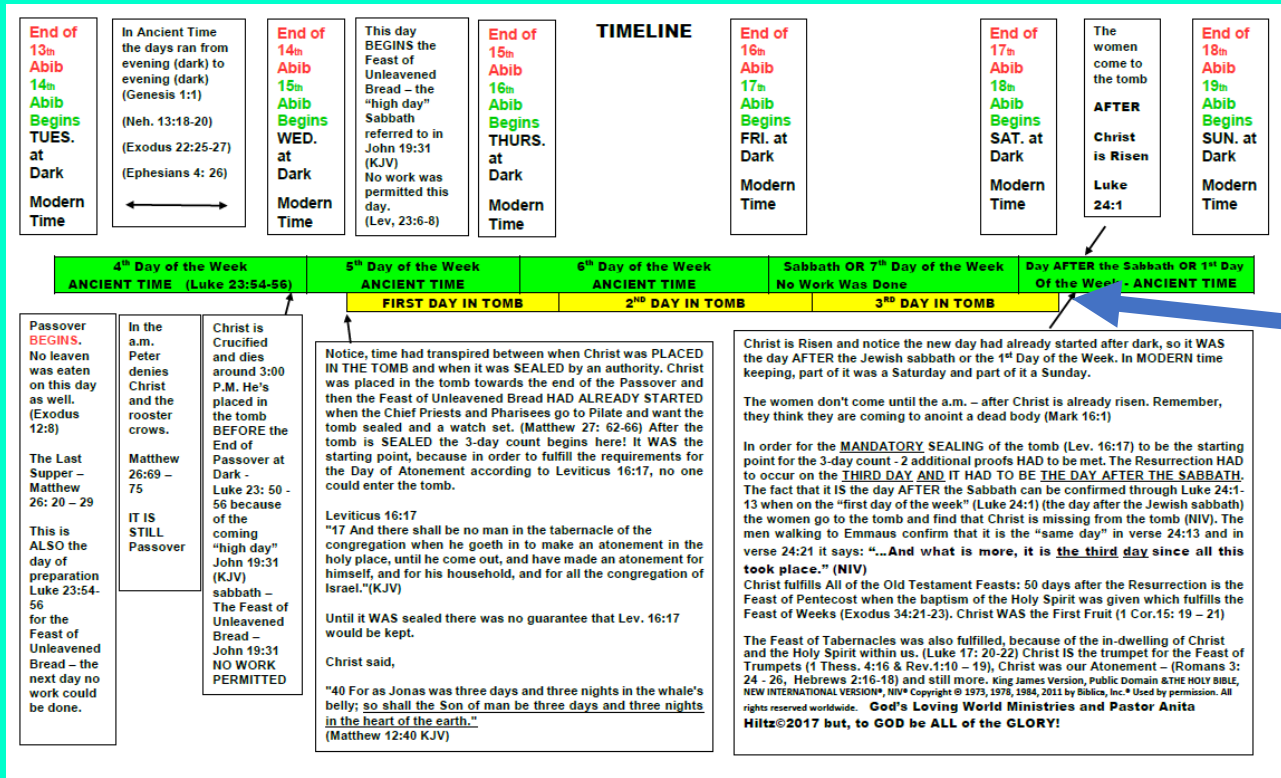
Christ fulfills this by saving and bringing in a harvest of souls for His Father. The Holy Spirit will be their guide.

In the Old Testament, the Prophet Joel prophesies concerning things that actually occur in Acts 2 in the New Testament concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He also includes things that will occur later.

Joel 2: 28 – 32 New American Standard Bible reads:

²⁸ “[i]t will come about after this
That I will pour out My Spirit on all [s]mankind;
And your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
Your old men will have dreams,
Your young men will see visions.
²⁹ And even on the male and female servants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will [t]display wonders in the sky and on the earth,
Blood, fire, and columns of smoke.
³¹ The sun will be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.
³² And it will come about *that* everyone who calls on the name of the LORD
Will [u]be saved;
For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
There will be those who escape,
Just as the LORD has said,
Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.” (NASB)



Notice, that in the original diagram it shows that Christ HAD to be risen just AFTER dark to fulfill the 3 DAY COUNT. THIS WAS THE FIRST WATCH OF THE NIGHT. NOW AT THE TIME THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT FULFILLS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST EXACTLY 50 DAYS LATER IS FURTHER PROOF THAT THE ACTUAL RESURRECTION DID OCCUR THEN! HOW? YOU’LL SEE!

When did the day of Pentecost come? **AFTER DARK WHEN A NEW DAY WOULD BEGIN!** NOTICE, THEY ARE IN A “HOUSE”. (NASB) That word can mean an actual “house” or any building whatsoever.

“1. a house

1. an inhabited house, home

2. any building whatever” (Strong’s G3624, BLB.org)

Acts 2:1-13 New American Standard Bible

“2 When the day of Pentecost ^[a]had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And tongues *that looked* like fire appeared to them, ^[b]distributing themselves, and a tongue ^[c]rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different ^[d]tongues, as the Spirit was giving them *the ability* to speak out.

⁵ Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own ^[e]language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, “^[f]Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how *is it that* we each hear *them* in our own ^[g]language ^[h]to which we were born? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and ^[i]Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and ^[j]visitors from Rome, both Jews and ^[k]proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our *own* ^[l]tongues of the mighty deeds of God.” ¹² And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others were jeering and saying, “They are full of ^[m]sweet wine!”” (NASB)

We've already learned that in ancient time keeping, for hours of DAYLIGHT - sundials were used and a standard of 12 was used for those daylight hours. They WERE NOT 60-minute hours. We also know that the night time was divided into fourths, and they were called "watches." This scripture in Acts 2:1 INDIRECTLY tells us that it is NIGHT, because we know that the beginning of the biblical day occurs at darkness when a sundial COULD NOT BE USED. This reference to "day" means the overall day – the whole 24-hour period NOT just the daylight hours.

The scripture shown below is at the BEGINNING of the day – at darkness!

Acts 2:1 New American Standard Bible

"2 When the day of Pentecost ^[a]had come, they were all together in one place." (NASB)

This scripture says:

Acts 2:15 New American Standard Bible

"¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is *only* the ^[b]third hour of the day;" (NASB)

AT THIS TIME, I COULD FIND ONLY 2 OTHER SCRIPTURES THAT REFER TO A NIGHT "HOUR": Acts 2: 15 DUE TO THE CONTEXT IN WHICH IT OCCURS and Acts 23: 23, BUT REMEMBER, EVERY REFERENCE IN SCRIPTURE THAT REFERS TO WHEN A NEW DAY BEGINS – IS OCCURRING AT DARKNESS.

Acts 23:23 New American Standard Bible

"²³ And he called to him two of the centurions and said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready by ^[a]the third hour of the night to proceed to Caesarea, ^[b]with seventy horsemen and two hundred ^[c]spearmen."" (NASB)



When watches were divided into fourths - a 12-hour period of NIGHT was also adjusted for the seasons of the year. In the winter, nights are longer and daylight is shorter. In the summer, nights are shorter and daylight is longer. Each “watch” would contain 3 “hours” each, but they WERE NOT 60-minute hours. Ancient humankind used OTHER MEASURING METHODS such as hour glasses and water clocks for THOSE hours as we said before.

This means that WHEN PENTECOST AND THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME IN:

Acts 2:15 New American Standard Bible

“¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is *only* the ^[b]third hour of the day;” (NASB)

THIS TIME WAS ALSO DURING THE FIRST WATCH OF THE NIGHT.

WHEN GOD INITIATED THE 50-DAY COUNT FROM CHRIST’S RESURRECTION TO PENTECOST THE TIMING HAD TO BE PERFECT! IT WAS PERFECT!

CHRIST WAS RISEN IN THE FIRST WATCH OF THE NIGHT ON THE DAY AFTER THE SABBATH!

THE COUNT WORKS GOING FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS!

TIMELINE

End of 13 th Abib 14 th Abib Begins TUES. at Dark Modern Time	In Ancient Time the days ran from evening (dark) to evening (dark) (Genesis 1:1) (Neh. 13:18-20) (Exodus 22:25-27) (Ephesians 4: 26)	End of 14 th Abib 15 th Abib Begins WED. at Dark Modern Time	This day BEGINS the Feast of Unleavened Bread – the “high day” Sabbath referred to in John 19:31 (KJV) No work was permitted this day. (Lev. 23:6-8)	End of 15 th Abib 16 th Abib Begins THURS. at Dark Modern Time	End of 16 th Abib 17 th Abib Begins FRI. at Dark Modern Time	End of 17 th Abib 18 th Abib Begins SAT. at Dark Modern Time	The women come to the tomb AFTER Christ is Risen Luke 24:1	End of 18 th Abib 19 th Abib Begins SUN. at Dark Modern Time
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4 th Day of the Week ANCIENT TIME (Luke 23:54-56)	5 th Day of the Week ANCIENT TIME	6 th Day of the Week ANCIENT TIME	Sabbath OR 7 th Day of the Week No Work Was Done	Day AFTER the Sabbath OR 1 st Day of the Week
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 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) – 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.	Christ is Risen and notice the new day had already started after dark, so it WAS the day AFTER the Jewish sabbath or the 1 st Day of the Week. In MODERN time keeping, part of it was a Saturday and part of it a Sunday. The women don’t come until the a.m. – after Christ is already risen. Remember, they think they are coming to anoint a dead body (Mark 16:1)	In order for the MANDATORY SEALING of the tomb (Lev. 16:17) to be the starting point for the 3-day count - 2 additional proofs HAD to be met. The Resurrection HAD to occur on the THIRD DAY AND IT HAD TO BE THE DAY AFTER THE SABBATH. The fact that it IS the day AFTER the Sabbath can be confirmed through Luke 24:1-13 when on the “first day of the week” (Luke 24:1) (the day after the Jewish sabbath) the women go to the tomb and find that Christ is missing from the tomb (NW). The men walking to Emmaus confirm that it is the “same day” in verse 24:13 and in verse 24:21 it says: “...And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.” (NW) Christ fulfills All of the Old Testament Feasts: 50 days after the Resurrection is the Feast of Pentecost when the baptism of the Holy Spirit was given which fulfills the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22-23). Christ WAS the First Fruit (1 Cor. 15: 19 – 21) The Feast of Tabernacles was also fulfilled, because of the in-dwelling of Christ and the Holy Spirit within us. (Luke 17: 20-22) Christ IS the trumpet for the Feast of Trumpets (1 Thess. 4:16 & Rev. 1:10 - 15), Christ was our Atonement – (Romans 3: 24 - 25, Hebrews 2:17-18) and still more. Log James version, public domain and now edit. NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, NW Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide. God’s Loving Word Ministries and Pastor Anita Hiltz©2017 but, to GOD be ALL of the GLORY!

	FIRST WATCH	SECOND WATCH	THIRD WATCH	FOURTH WATCH	
Beginning of Darkness	<p>3 hours adjusted for the seasons. NOT 60 MINUTE HOURS.</p> <p>3 hours adjusted for the seasons. NOT 60 MINUTE HOURS.</p> <p>3 hours adjusted for the seasons. NOT 60 MINUTE HOURS.</p> <p>3 hours adjusted for the seasons. NOT 60 MINUTE HOURS.</p>				Beginning of Daylight

When watches were divided into fourths - a 12-hour period of NIGHT was also adjusted for the seasons of the year. In the winter, nights are longer and daylight is shorter. In the summer, nights are shorter and daylight is longer. Each “watch” would contain 3 “hours” each, but they WERE NOT 60-minute hours. Ancient humankind used OTHER MEASURING METHODS such as hour glasses and water clocks for THOSE hours as we said before.

Acts 2:14-21 New American Standard Bible

“¹⁴ But Peter, taking his stand with the *other* eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, ^[a]know this, and pay attention to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is *only* the ^[b]third hour of the day; ¹⁶ but this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel:

**¹⁷ ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says,
‘THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL ^[c]MANKIND;
AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY,
AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS,
AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL ^[d]HAVE DREAMS;**

**¹⁸ AND EVEN ON MY MALE AND FEMALE ^[e]SERVANTS
I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS,
And they will prophesy.**

**¹⁹ AND I WILL ^[f]DISPLAY WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE
AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,
BLOOD, FIRE, AND ^[g]VAPOR OF SMOKE.**

**²⁰ THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS
AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,
BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD COMES.**

²¹ AND IT SHALL BE *THAT* EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’” (NASB)

Acts 2:22-33 New American Standard Bible

²² “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man ^[a]attested to you by God with ^[b]miracles and wonders and ^[c]signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— ²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of ^[d]godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴ ^[e]But God raised Him *from the dead*, putting an end to the ^[f]agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held ^[g]in its power. ²⁵ For David says of Him,

‘I SAW THE LORD CONTINUALLY BEFORE ME,

BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

²⁶ THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE WAS OVERJOYED;

MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

²⁷ FOR YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES,

NOR WILL YOU ^[h]ALLOW YOUR ^[i]HOLY ONE TO ^[j]UNDERGO DECAY.

²⁸ YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;

YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.’

²⁹ “^[k]Brothers, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is ^[l]with us to this day. ³⁰ So because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat *one* ^[m]of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the ^[n]Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh ^[o]suffer decay. ³² *It is this Jesus whom* God raised up, ^[p]a fact to which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore, ^[q]since He has been exalted ^[r]at the right hand of God, and has received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has poured out this which you both see and hear.” (NASB)

Acts 2:34-39 New American Standard Bible

“³⁴ For it was not David who ascended into [a]heaven, but he himself says:

‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

³⁵ UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and [b]Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were [c]pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “[d]Brothers, what are we to do?” ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”’” (NASB)

Acts 2:40-47 New American Standard Bible

⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on urging them, saying, “[a]Be saved from this perverse generation!” ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand [b]souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to [c]prayer.

⁴³ [d]Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and [e]signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all the believers [f]were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread [g]from house to house, they were taking their [h]meals together with gladness and [i]sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to [i]their number day by day those who were being saved.” (NASB)

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 the resurrection there would be no rest. Without His resurrection, we would not be resurrected 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 at dark to Sunday at 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 ^[a]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 and making false accusations concerning whether you were obeying the OLD Testament law or not, because we would be making OTHERS work by heating our homes with electricity, gas, and water. 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'?

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)

Matthew 5:17-18 New King James Version

“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 [a] jot or one [b] tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” (NKJV)

Christ HAD to fulfill ALL of the sacrifices required as a consequence for sinning, for the Feast Days, and for the Sabbath according to His Father’s command. The Old Testament law was not completely fulfilled until Christ’s crucifixion, entombment, 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. Christ also gave us the Communion meal which was not only a way of remembering His sacrifice for us, but it also brings healing and deliverance for our souls.

Christ CHANGED the law and the Commandments, because of...

2 Corinthians 3:7-8 New International Version

“⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?” (NIV)

The word “transitory” in verse 7, means temporary. (NIV)

In God’s word in the Old Testament, the word “perpetual” (KJV) and the words “throughout your generations” (KJV) occur numerous times, but the original intent was NOT that ALL of the rules for offering sacrifices would be followed forever, instead they would be followed until the fullness of time when the Lord Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Old Testament law and created a NEW TESTAMENT LAW and BETTER COVENANT! When Christ gave us the communion meal and told us to DO IT IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM (Luke 22:19, 1 Corinthians 11: 24-25) (which would mean perpetually) it took the place of all of the Old Testament Feasts. Some of Christ’s Commandments DO come from the Old Testament, some were changed, and some are more stringent.

If you don't know about the one true living God – Father God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit you're probably wondering - why did mankind NEED a Savior in the first place?

In the Bible, in the Old Testament Book of Genesis, when Adam and Eve disobeyed and sinned against God - when they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden of Eden - sin entered into the world, and God DID NOT want that to happen. Adam and Eve's sin brought spiritual death to all mankind because Adam and Eve's sin DESTROYED God's original intent for what mankind was supposed to be exposed to. God didn't want them to have any knowledge of evil. All humankind was separated from God as a result of Adam and Eve's actions.

Through Adam and Eve's sin – the whole world would know BOTH good and evil. There ARE 2 spiritual worlds – Good and Evil. The GOOD spiritual world is led by God – Father God, Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The EVIL spiritual world is led by Satan and the “principalities”, the “powers,” the “rulers of^[a] the darkness of this age,” and “spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12 NKJV) They ARE NOT more powerful than GOD. In the Old Testament, the loss of material possessions was supposed to act as a deterrent to sin, but the leaders let things slide or would show favoritism and made exceptions for particular people. A good example is the woman caught in the act of adultery. (John 8:2 - 11) She was going to be killed (as she should have been under Old Testament law). The Old Testament required that both the woman and the man be put to death, but the scribes and Pharisees only brought the woman forward which was not equitable or fair. Christ knew this and He let her go based on her conviction of sin and repentant heart. When the OLD way wasn't working, God had to create a NEW way - a way that would be fair. God ALWAYS had a plan to redeem the lives of ALL mankind – that plan was Christ. (Gen. 3:1 – 24)

In the New Testament when you sin, (whether you are a believer or not) you are following the wrong entity. You are following Satan. When you sin, a demon, devil, or unclean spirit enters your physical body without your even knowing it. They cause sickness, disease, confusion, torment, and can wreak havoc in your life!

This is a consequence for sinful behaviors and this consequence is consistently applied throughout ALL HUMANKIND. God did this so everything WAS FAIR concerning wrongdoing and also to draw ALL HUMANKIND TO HIM, BECAUSE WE ALL NEED GOD'S HELP TO LEAD A SIN FREE LIFE. A decision to follow Christ requires repentance and renouncing (meaning choosing to reject Satan and rejecting all evil in your life). It indicates a desire to be free from evil and to choose goodness instead – a desire to be a NEW CREATION! When you invite Christ to come into your heart and life, HE DWELLS INSIDE YOUR PHYSICAL BODY TO HELP YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO! It doesn't mean that believers in Christ haven't made mistakes, but it does mean they want to TRY to be sin free. **Once a person comes to Christ, he or she has ALL AUTHORITY OVER EVIL FORCES!**

Romans 6:23 New American Standard Bible

"²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NASB)

Luke 10:19 New King James Version

"¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (NKJV)

Now when we sin, we have to confess our sin one to another to be healed:

James 5:14-16 New American Standard Bible

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, ^[a]anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith will ^[b]restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, ^[c]they will be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A ^[d]prayer of a righteous person, when it is ^[e]brought about, can accomplish much.” (NASB)

1 John 1:9 New King James Version

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (NKJV)

When you confess your sins one to another, God remembers your sins no more and He makes the demons, devils, and unclean spirits LEAVE your physical body. When they ARE removed, this is called “DELIVERANCE” from evil. Sometimes IT DOES require prayer and fasting to find out what your sins have been and to also be delivered from evil forces. A person needs to ask the Lord if a particular sin requires prayer and fasting.

CAUTION!

When you come to Christ, God CAN speak to you, but so can the devil, so you need to follow the scriptures and test the spirits to see if they are from God.

1 John 4:1-4 New American Standard Bible

“4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world. ⁴ You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”
(NASB)

GOD WILL NEVER TELL YOU TO HURT SOMEONE ELSE OR YOURSELF! SOMETIMES HAVING EXPERIENCED SEVERE TRAUMA IN YOUR LIFE REQUIRES CHRISTIAN COUNSELING TO RECEIVE COMPLETE DELIVERANCE!

THERE ARE THINGS FROM YOUR PAST LIFE THAT YOU MUST LEAVE BEHIND AND NEVER BE INVOLVED WITH AGAIN. PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR RESOURCES THAT INFORM YOU OF WHAT SOME OF THOSE THINGS ARE.

Since Christ forgave PETER, He can forgive you too. Just listen to THIS prayer. It is written with the pronoun “we” so that when YOU say “Amen” out loud at the end - then we will have come into agreement with your prayer, and you will have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your LORD and Savior.

Lord Jesus Christ,

We confess all the times and ways we’ve used our spirit, souls, and bodies, mind, will, and emotions in opposition to the Lord Jesus the Christ - His kingdom, His word, and His will, either knowingly or unknowingly. We repent, and we renounce, all evil forces that have attached themselves to those sins. We ask that you tear down every and all evil strongholds, break every evil yoke, tie, and curse, and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that you are the Son of God and that you died on the cross to save us from our sins. We believe in your resurrection, and your resurrection life for ourselves. We ask that you come into our hearts - into our lives - as our Lord and our Savior. We ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the baptism by Holy fire. We ask that you would guide and direct our paths, protect us all the days of our lives, and help us to fulfill YOUR plans for our lives in Christ Jesus. We ask that you destroy what needs to be destroyed, keep what needs to be kept, change what needs to be changed, and create what needs to be created. We ask that nothing would be added to or taken away from - YOUR plans for our lives in Christ Jesus. We thank you Lord Jesus, we believe that we’ve already received the answers to our prayers. In the MIGHTY name of the Lord Jesus the 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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