"Resurrection and Marriage"

Luke 20:27-40

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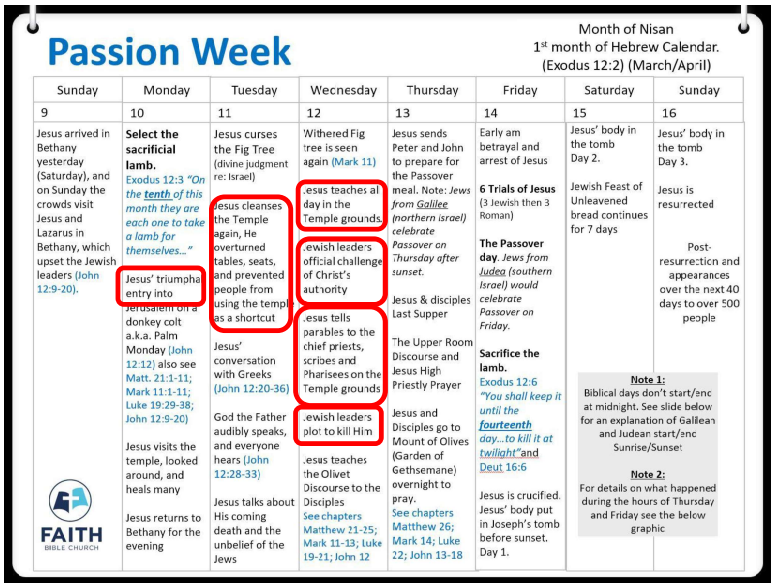

Passion Week

Month of Nisan
1st month of Hebrew Calendar.
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which upset the Jewish leaders (John 12:9-20).	**Select the sacrificial lamb.** Exodus 12:3 *"On the **tenth** of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves..."* Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt a.k.a. Palm Monday (John 12:12) also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-38; John 12:9-20) Jesus visits the temple, looked around, and heals many Jesus returns to Bethany for the evening	Jesus curses the Fig Tree (divine judgment re: Israel) Jesus cleanses the Temple again, He overturned tables, seats, and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' conversation with Greeks (John 12:20-36) God the Father audibly speaks, and everyone hears (John 12:28-33) Jesus talks about His coming death and the unbelief of the Jews	Withered Fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches all day in the Temple grounds Jewish leaders official challenge of Christ's authority Jesus tells parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds Jewish leaders plot to kill Him Jesus teaches the Olivet Discourse to the Disciples See chapters Matthew 21-25; Mark 11-13; Luke 19-21; John 12	Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: *Jews from Galilee (northern israel) celebrate Passover on Thursday after sunset.* Jesus & disciples Last Supper The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer Jesus and Disciples go to Mount of Olives (Garden of Gethsemane) overnight to pray. See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18	Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus **6 Trials of Jesus** (3 Jewish then 3 Roman) **The Passover day**. *Jews from Judea (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday.* **Sacrifice the lamb.** Exodus 12:6 *"You shall keep it until the **fourteenth** day...to kill it at twilight"* and Deut 16:6 Jesus is crucified. Jesus' body put in Joseph's tomb before sunset. Day 1.	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days **Note 1:** Biblical days don't start/end at midnight. See slide below for an explanation of Galilean and Judean start/end Sunrise/Sunset **Note 2:** For details on what happened during the hours of Thursday and Friday see the below graphic	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected Post-resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people

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- Sadducees – wealthy, ran the Temple, liberal, kowtowed to Rome. They just wanted to live the good life. (Chief Priests, High Priests, Sanhedrin.)
- **They didn't:**

  believe in angels.
  believe in heaven or hell.
  believe in life after death.
  believe in the resurrection of the dead.
  believe in the immortality of the soul.

Acts 23:8

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

- Therefore, if there is no life after death . . .

  death is the end of it all.

  there is no reward or punishment.

  there is no purpose to history.

Pentateuch was their Bible. The rest of the OT was simply commentary on the 1st 5 books.

- After 70 AD, the Sadducees no longer exist.

Job 14:14

4 "If a man dies, will he live again?

- 2005 CBS News poll – 87% believe in an afterlife.

Ps 16:9-11

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will dwell securely.
10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
11 You will make known to me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Ps 49:15

5 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,
For He will receive me. Selah.

Ps 139:8

8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

Job 19:25-27

5 "As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,

And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.

26 "Even after my skin is destroyed,

Yet from my flesh I shall see God;

27 Whom I myself shall behold,

And whom my eyes will see and not another.

My heart faints within me!

Dan 12:2

2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

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- So they want to trap Jesus with the absurdity of a resurrection, an afterlife.

Deut 25:5-9

5 "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

- Two brothers live together – one is married (no children), and one isn't. The brother that is married dies. The single brother then is to marry the wife and have a son to continue the family name and to propagate the family. She is not to marry a stranger. God's way of preserving Israel.

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- So now this principle of death with no children goes all the way through 7 brothers.
- The Sadducees, trying to show how ridiculous a resurrection is, poses the question – "Who will she be married to in the afterlife?"
- Can't you hear the snickers, the jokes? Who is going to be chosen - One with best name? best dressed? wealthiest?
- They think they have Him.

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Matt 22:29-30

29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.

30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

- Doctrine is important. Theology is important. The Sadducees were ignorant. Hosea 4:6, 1 Cor. 12-14

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- This age: marriage (34)
- Next age: no marriage. (35)
- How do you get to the next age? Resurrection from the dead (35)
- **"worthy"** – not our own worth but based on the worthiness of Christ.
- No death after the resurrection but are like angels – no death, no marriage, no births (36). Marriage, sex, reproduction, pregnancy, childbirth is for life on this earth. Not needed in the next life. No need to replace people.
- Jn. 1:12 – "sons of God"
- Let's go to the Pentateuch (37)- Genesis 26:24, Genesis 28:13, God calls Himself "the God of Abraham," and Abraham is dead. In Exodus 3:6, 15, 16; 4:5, God calls Himself "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," and all three are dead.

Not, "I was the God of your father,"

But, "I am the God of your father.

- **Conclusion**: God is not a God of dead people. He resurrects them and they live to Him.

But the thought of no marriage in eternity can be troubling.

What we know:

1. Relationships and their history here on earth will still be important after the resurrection, in heaven. They will serve a purpose. No where does it record in scripture that all of our past is erased.

2. Heaven will not be loss or subtraction, only addition. You have love here, in heaven your capacity to love (without sin) will be far greater. Your love for your spouse, your children will be on another level. You will know them all, just more fully.

Luke 16:27-28

27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house —

28 for I have five brothers

1 Cor 13:12

12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

3. All of the relationships that are special to me on earth will still be special to me in heaven in some sense – who my husband was, who my wife was, my children, my relatives, my friends. I will not be married but I will live a fuller and greater life with those I have lived with down on this earth and with all of the saints. To have relationships here on earth is not sinful. But in heaven they will be enhanced. I may not know all what it will be like but I do know it will not be less but much more.

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- Note that it is the scribes that respond. They were the interpreters, the theologians. Sadducees, not so much.
- This shut everyone up. Just too embarrassing.

Matt 22:44

44 No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

Application

1. The resurrection of the dead is real. Without it believers are most to be "pitied."
2. Don't let your ignorance of scripture hinder you, or worse yet, lead you astray from the great truths found in it.
3. Where will you be after you die?