

The Burial of Jesus

Luke 23:50-56

October 6, 2024

Passion Week

Month of Hebrew Calendar (Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-10). | 10 Select the afficial lamb (Exodus 12:3 "On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves...") Jesus cleanses again, he anointed and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:1-20) | 11 Jesus curses the fig tree (olive judgment) (Matthew 21:18-22) Jesus cleanses the Temple again, he anointed and prevented people from using the temple as a shortcut Jesus' conversation with Caiaphas (John 12:29-36) | 12 Withered fig tree is seen again (Mark 11) Jesus teaches at the Temple grounds, Jewish leaders' official challenge of Christ's authority Jesus tells parables to chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds | 13 Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Jesus & disciples last supper The Upper Room Discourse and High Priestly Prayer | 14 Early am arrest of Jesus 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jews then 3 Roman) The Passover day Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Sacrifice the lamb. Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the month at twilight or at dusk." (Deut. 16:6) | 15 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened bread continues for 7 days | 16 Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected Resurrection and appearances over the next 40 days to over 500 people Note 1: Biblical days don't start/inc at midnight but at sunrise and sundown for and Jewish start/inc Sunrise/Sunset Note 2: For details on what happened on Friday and Friday see the below graphic. |

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• Let's look at the other 3 gospels to get a full picture of this man, Joseph . . .

Matt 27:57

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

Mark 15:42-43

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- Joseph of Arimathea was:
 1. A rich man
 2. A prominent member of the Sanhedrin.
 3. A disciple of Jesus.
 4. A good man.
 5. A righteous man.
 6. A man who disagreed with the Sanhedrin over what to do with Jesus.
 7. A man waiting for the Kingdom of God.
 8. A secret believer who feared the Jews.

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- Where are the disciples? Joseph is a stranger.
- Joseph decides its time to show his commitment to Christ.

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- “he gathered up courage” – τολμαω – to move from one point to another. To ascend. To reach an ultimate point.**
- So Joseph goes to Pilate and asks for Jesus’ body.
 - Usually crucified dead bodies were thrown into an open pit for the birds and animals to feed from.
 - Pilate ascertained that Jesus was dead, and with nothing to lose, granted Joseph’s wish. The Jews had gotten what they wanted – a dead Jesus.

John 19:31-38

- 31 Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; 33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. 36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, “NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED.” 38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a **disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews**

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- I can not imagine what that was like for Joseph to detach the body from the cross. The nails, His shredded back, the crown of thorns pushed into His Head.
- Joseph carefully wraps up the body and places it in his own tomb, probably made for himself.
- **Note:** Isn't it amazing that everything Jesus used in His life was borrowed – manager, boats, donkey's, rooms, loaves and fish, the cross, and now a tomb.

John 19:39-42

- 39 **Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night**, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a **hundred pounds** weight.
- **Myrrh** - an aromatic resin derived from the trunk and branches of a small thorny tree. Made into powder. Myrrh at His birth (Mt 2:11) and myrrh at His death (Jn 19:39).
 - **Aloes** derived from wood from the aloe tree reduced to powder.
 - Here is another stranger.
- 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.
- 41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.
- 42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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2 things you need to understand -

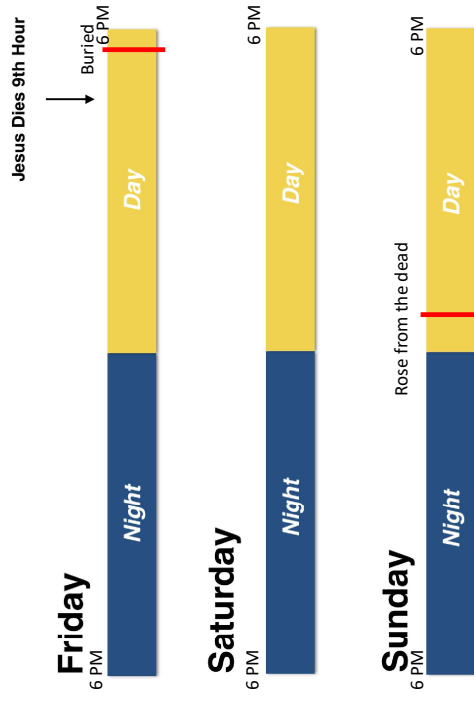
1. Jewish days began at sundown (6 PM) and went to sundown (6 PM). (Gen. 1:5) We, today, count a day from midnight to midnight.
2. Any part of a day was considered a whole day. (compare 1 Ki 12:5 with 1 Ki 12:12 and Esther 4:16 with Esther 5:1).

So here is how it all fits together:

1. Jesus was buried before sundown on Friday. That was required because no dead body could be left on a cross overnight (Deut. 21:22-23) or when the Sabbath began (Jn. 19:31). Additionally no work (take down a body) could be done on the Sabbath.
 2. So all of Friday (6 PM Thurs. to 6 PM Fri.) was counted as 1 day). **This is Day 1.**
 3. Sat. ran from 6 PM Fri. to 6 PM Sat. **This is Day 2.**
 4. Sunday ran from 6 PM Sat. to 6 PM Sun. **This is Day 3.**
- So Jesus died on Fri. and rose from the grave on Sunday and it counted as 3 days.

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- This is an important verse because it establishes what 3 days comprised His burial.
- There exists a controversy over when Jesus was buried and when He arose from the grave to fulfill the 3 days and nights spoken of in Scripture.
- Was it Wed – Sat.? Thurs. –Sun.? Fri. – Sun. (traditional view)?
- Actually I think it is quite easy to determine if you understand the way the Jews counted their days.
- You will notice here that this is the “preparation day”. Preparation for what? The Passover. The Passover and the Sabbath fell on the same day which made the Sabbath a “high” day.
- The Sabbath, we know, is on Sat. so therefore the “preparation day” would be on Friday.
- But some say that creates a problem. How do you get 3 days and 3 nights between Friday and Sunday?



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- Again, here are the women we saw last week. . .

| Matthew 27:56 | Mark 15:40 | John 19:25 |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Mary Magdalene | Mary Magdalene | Mary Magdalene |
| Mary mother of James & Joseph = | Mary mother of James the less & Joseph = | Mary mother of Jesus |
| Mother of Zebedee's sons = | Salome = | Sister of Jesus' mother |

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- Women are at the foot of the cross, women are here at the burial, and women will be there at the resurrection.
- Women played such a critical role in the life and ministry of Christ.
- Where are the disciples?

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- This was an act of worship.
- These were godly, commandment-abiding women. They respected and observed the Word of God.

Application

1. Discipleship always comes with a cost: time, resources, prestige, risk, and maybe some difficult and unpleasant circumstances.
2. Being courageous, taking a risk, being daring are all places we want to be at as believers. Takes spiritual growth.
3. Joseph was awaiting the Kingdom of God. What are we waiting for?

Titus 2:13

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Jude 21-22

1 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.