

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 3/4/26

"The resurrection of Christ is the sequel and complement to Passover, and the fulfillment of the Feast of Firstfruits!"

– Coulson Shepherd "Jewish Holy Days"



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What is First Fruits?



Leviticus 23:9-11, 15-16 CSB

"The Lord spoke to Moses: 'Speak to the Israelites and tell them: When you enter the land I am giving you and reap its **harvest**, you are to bring the first sheaf of your **harvest** to the priest. He will present the sheaf before the Lord so that you may be accepted; the priest is to present it on the day after the **Sabbath**.'"

"You are to **count** seven complete weeks starting from the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the presentation offering. You are to count **fifty** days until the day after the seventh Sabbath and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:23-23 NLT

"For if there is no **resurrection** of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is **useless**, and your faith is **useless**. And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that **God** raised Christ from the grave.

But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then **Christ** has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still **guilty** of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are **lost**! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

But in **fact**, Christ HAS been raised from the dead. He is the **first** of a great harvest [**firstfruits**] of all who have died.

So you see, just as death came into the world through a **man**, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another **man**. Just as everyone **dies** because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the **first** of the harvest [**firstfruits**]; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back."

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 CSB

"Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the **Gospel** I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I passed on to you as most **important** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."

Psalms 16:9-10 NLT

"No wonder my **heart** is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the **dead** or allow your Holy One to **rot** in the grave."

Job 19:25-26 NLT

"But as for me, I know that my **Redeemer** lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body [or 'without my body'] I will see God!"

1 Corinthians 5:7b NLT

"...Christ, our Passover **Lamb**, has been sacrificed for us!"

Revelation 1:18 NLT

"I am the Living One. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of **death** and the **grave**."