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***The True Death, Burial, and Resurrection of
Christ***

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A Beautiful Story Is Not Proof of the Gospel

To the brothers and sisters who hear the account of Christ's death and resurrection: do not let a beautiful story take the place of the Word of God.

Many have heard a moving account of the Passover, the firstfruits, the cross, and the empty tomb. The speaker tells it with conviction. The pieces seem to fit. Hearts are stirred, and the congregation says amen. But how many open the Scriptures afterward to see whether those events happened in the order they were taught? A story can honor Christ with its words and still add claims the Gospel never makes.

Some say Christ was the first person ever raised from the dead because Paul called Him "*the firstfruits of them that slept*" (**1 Corinthians 15:20**). But Elijah raised the widow's son, and Christ raised Lazarus. Those people returned to life before Christ's resurrection. Paul's words deserve careful study; they must not be turned into a claim that plainly conflicts with Scripture. Likewise, if someone says His resurrection took place on the day of the wave sheaf, ask where an apostle says so. Read **Leviticus 23**. Read the Gospel accounts. Do not accept the connection merely because it makes a beautiful sermon.

Christ ate with His disciples before He was betrayed. He was then arrested, tried, crucified, buried, and raised. He also gave the sign of Jonah: "*three days and three nights*" (**Matthew 12:40**). Put the passages before you and examine the sequence. If a proposed calendar requires you to move the supper after the crucifixion, or to ignore Christ's own words about His burial and rising, do not protect that calendar. Correct the account.

This warning is also for me. Do not believe my study because I wrote it, or because its conclusion sounds convincing. Open your Bible and check every quotation, every date, and every claim. If I have placed something where Scripture does not place it, show me. The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily to see whether what

they heard was so (**Acts 17:11**). We must be willing to do the same with every teacher we trust.

When we take the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (**1 Corinthians 11:26**). Let us remember Him truthfully. Do not be content to feel moved by the account while remaining unwilling to examine it. And if examination shows that you have repeated something Scripture does not establish, stop repeating it. Love for Christ requires more than defending a familiar story.

Read the Gospel again. Follow the events. Test what you have heard. Hold fast to what the Word proves, and let go of what it does not.

Written in Love, Truth, and Instruction

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The False Teaching About Firstfruits

First-fruits (Reishit)

Offerings are given for the spring barley harvest.

Date observed: 15 Nisan (1st Month).

On Reishit (Re-SHEET) people offered the first ripe sheaf, the firstfruits of barley, to the Lord as an act of dedicating the harvest to Him. On the first day of unleavened bread, the priest waved the sheaf before the Lord.

Leviticus 23:9-14

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

***10** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:*

***11** And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.*

***12** And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.*

***13** And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour, and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.*

***14** And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God. It shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*

Google says that the Jewish people rarely celebrate Reishit today, but that it holds great significance for followers of Christ because they claim it is the most important day of the year, the day of His resurrection.

There is a false teaching about firstfruits. Many who keep the Sabbath and the Holy Days believe and teach that firstfruits is a picture of Christ's resurrection. They say and teach a heartwarming story that Christ became the "firstfruits" by being the first to be resurrected from the dead, a supposed fulfillment of the Old Testament Feast of Firstfruits and its symbolic sheaf offering. They claim that just as the first sheaf of barley was offered to God, signifying the beginning of the harvest, Christ's

resurrection symbolizes the beginning of the spiritual harvest of God's people.

However, that claim collapses immediately when tested by Scripture. Christ was not the first person to be resurrected from the dead. The prophets and Christ Himself raised others long before His own resurrection.

- Elijah raised the widow's son (**1 Kings 17:22**).
- Elisha raised the Shunammite's son (**2 Kings 4:35**).
- A man revived after touching Elisha's bones (**2 Kings 13:21**).
- Christ raised Jairus' daughter (**Mark 5:41-42**).
- He raised the widow's son at Nain (**Luke 7:14-15**).
- He raised Lazarus after four days in the tomb (**John 11:43-44**).

All these came back to life before His death and resurrection. So even by the plain definition, He was not the first person resurrected.

The "firstfruits" language in **1 Corinthians 15:20** refers to the first resurrection unto immortality, not the first to rise in history. Every person raised before Him eventually died again, but His resurrection was the first that conquered death permanently. That is what makes Him "the firstfruits of them that slept," not the first human being to ever rise.

What the Bible Actually Shows

1. The Feast of Firstfruits is about grain, not resurrection.

The passage above defines Firstfruits as an offering from the field. The ritual concerns barley, land, and harvest. No death, burial, or new life imagery appears. The purpose is dedicating the crop to God before it is eaten. Nothing in the text connects the ritual to the Messiah or to resurrection.

2. The timing disproves the "Firstfruits Resurrection" claim.

According to the Law:

- 14 Nisan: Passover
- 15 Nisan: First Day of Unleavened Bread (sometimes also called Firstfruits)

If Christ rose on Firstfruits, that would place His resurrection the day after Passover. That means His crucifixion would have to occur two days before Passover, which contradicts Scripture. The Gospels clearly state that He ate the Passover meal with His disciples on the first day of Unleavened Bread (**Matthew 26:17-19, Mark 14:12-18, Luke 22:7-15**).

The disciples prepared and ate the Passover before His arrest, proving He was crucified during the Passover week, not before it. The “Firstfruits resurrection” timeline does not fit the biblical record.

3. The resurrection fulfilled Christ’s own prophecy, not a Levitical feast.

Matthew 12:40 *For as Jonah 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.*

Mark 9:31 *After that He is killed, He shall rise the third day.*

The Word ties His resurrection to three days and three nights, not to the morrow after the Sabbath. The fulfillment was in the timing He gave, not in a festival shadow.

4. Paul’s statement in **1 Corinthians 15:20** is symbolic.

When Paul called Christ the “firstfruits of them that slept,” he was identifying sequence, not a feast. Christ was the first to rise from the dead to eternal life, guaranteeing that others who belong to Him will also rise later. The word “firstfruits” expresses order, not ritual. No apostle ever said His resurrection fulfilled the Feast of Firstfruits.

The Truth

The Feast of Firstfruits was an agricultural dedication, not a prophetic picture of resurrection. Christ rose exactly as He said He would, after three days and three nights, and not because of a Levitical feast.

To claim that His resurrection fulfilled Firstfruits requires twisting the calendar, ignoring direct verses, and forcing a symbolic meaning that God never declared. The resurrection stands on the

power of His Word, not on the traditions or emotional stories of men.

Exposing the Contradiction

Now that we understand what the Feast of Firstfruits truly represents and that Christ’s resurrection had nothing to do with it, let’s examine the deeper problem with the modern claim. If we follow what the world teaches about the “Firstfruits resurrection,” the timing in Scripture completely falls apart. Their version cannot be reconciled with the Hebrew calendar or with the Gospel accounts. The more closely you look, the more impossible their story becomes.

There's a huge problem with this teaching, because according to the God’s word; the 14th of Nisan is Passover, the 15th of Nisan is the first day of the feast of unleavened bread and also the day of first fruits.

If this was true then that means that Christ should have been crucified at least by the 13th of Nisan, On which is the day before Passover.

So, their calendar, if you count a 3 night-death would look like this:

Thursday 12 Nisan	Friday 13 Nisan Remember, day starts the night before.	Saturday 14 Nisan Passover	Sunday 15 Nisan First-fruits 1 st day of unleavened bread
Crucifixion 1 st night death	2 nd night death	3 rd night death	Resurrection

But the biggest problem with this believe, Is that the gospel tells us that the disciples we're getting ready the place where they were going to eat the Passover meal with Christ on the first day of the feast of unleavened bread!

Matthew 26:17-19 *Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Christ, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples. 19 And the disciples did as Christ had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.*

And later it tells us that He ate the Passover wit His disciples!
Mark 14:17-18 *And in the evening, He cometh with the twelve. 18 And as they sat and did eat, Christ said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.* Also, in **Luke 22:14-15, Luke 22:17-21**

To understand this “Passover meal” we need to ask, how many days is Passover?
So, the answer is that in Israel and for most Reform Jews around the world, Pesach is seven days, but for many other Jews (including the ones who seem to print most calendars), it is eight days.
Ezekiel 45:21 *In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the Passover, a **feast of seven days**; unleavened bread shall be eaten.*

Another big issue we have to note is that nowhere in scripture does it say that Christ resurrected on the day of first fruits or that He even had to die on the day of Passover before eating the lamb, just because He was to become the sacrificed lamb!

So, if we really take what the bible says and put it in their calendar, then the calendar should look something like this:

Thursday 12 Nissan	Friday 13 Nissan	Saturday 14 Nissan Passover	Sunday 15 Nissan First-fruits 1 st day of unleavened bread
			The disciples made ready the Passover meal.

And if we continue reading the verse we will even get more information for the calendar.

Matthew 26:20 *Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. 21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?* Continue with the story.

Now the calendar will look something like this:

Thursda 12 Nissan	Friday 13 Nissan	Saturday 14 Nissan Passover	Sunday 15 Nissan First-fruits 1 st day of unleavened bread
			The disciples made ready the Passover meal. And ATE it!

But if we combine the biblical truth about the Passover meal that included Christ and His crucifixion combined with the story we are given by the world about this sentimental reason and events about Christ being the first fruit, then the calendar will look like this:

Thursday 13 Nissan	Friday 14 Nissan Passover	Saturday 15 Nissan 1 st day of unleavened bread	Sunday 16 Nissan Firstfruits
Crucifixion	Was not He the Passover sacrifice? Why no crucifixion here?	The disciples made ready and ate the Passover meal with Christ	Resurrection 

More of a time loop discrepancy here. NOT that God can't make this happen, but really? The numbers and days do not biblically add up!

So, if you take their distortions of the truth and blend them with the Gospel, the resulting story will sound something like this: Christ was crucified and buried on the 13th of Nissan - 2 days before the Passover.

Then, "two days later" on the 15th, which is the first day of Unleavened Bread, He supposedly rose from the tomb, appeared to His disciples, and told them to prepare the Passover meal so He could eat with them.

After that, He supposedly went back into the tomb just so He could reappear the next day to show them He had risen.

Then, on the very same day He allegedly staged His resurrection, He had the Passover meal with the disciples, where Judas betrayed Him again and was taken once more before the chief priests to be tried all over again?

It just doesn't make sense, so I guess, since I believe I am an unlearned person and all this religious stuff is hard to understand, then I'll just blindly follow what my pastor says without questioning it.

NOT SO! We are not to follow anyone blindly. We are to test the spirits whether they are from God and study to show ourselves approved unto Him.

It's no wonder the Catholic tradition still portrays Him hanging on the cross. Maybe, in their version, Christ is stuck in some kind of time loop continually being crucified. Perhaps that's why many believers also promote the idea that the wave sheaf offering represents His resurrection; another twist added by the Pharisees to fit their narrative.

And wasn't there something in Scripture about the Pharisees bribing the guards at the tomb to spread a false story?

It seems like certain leaders both then and now have gone to great lengths to make the resurrection appear like fraud or the least, VERY, VERY confusing!

So how come some believers keep the Sabbath the same day as the Jews because they have it right?

Even the name the Jewish people call JESUS is a fraud!

- AI overview.

They call Him YESHUA. Yeshu (יֵשׁוּעַ): While a shortened form of Yeshua, it is also an acronym in some Jewish circles for "Yimach Shemo Ve-zikro" (יִמְחַק שְׁמוֹ וְזִכְרוֹ), which means "May his name and memory be blotted out," indicating a negative view of Christ.

- The name in Jewish literature: In Jewish sources like the Talmud, "Yeshu" is used to refer to a figure believed to be the Christ of the New Testament. However, the use of the acronym "Yeshu" to mean "May his name and memory be blotted out" is a more negative and widespread interpretation. See B2-C02-S01- "The Gospel of Christ and the Authority of His Name" for better understanding.

The Crucifixion and Resurrection Timeline

Matthew 20:1-16 *For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. 8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. 9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. 11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, 12 Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. 13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? 14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil because I am good? 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

See Study B7-C01-S01- “The Sabbath - God’s Covenant Sign and Appointed Rest” To get a full understanding on this timing.

Matthew 20:1 = early in the morning About 6 AM

Matthew 20:3 = the third hour 9 AM

Matthew 20:5 = the sixth hour 12 PM

Matthew 20:5 = The ninth hour 3 PM

Matthew 20:6/ Matthew 20:9 = The eleventh hour 5 PM

1st Day **New Moon**

7th Day of Nissan, Sabbath Day

Leviticus 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

8th Day of Nissan

6 days before Passover. (Mary anointed Christ's feet with a pound of ointment and wiped His feet with her hair).

John 12:1-3 Then Christ six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Christ, and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

9th Day of Nissan

During the daytime of the 9th day, many took branches of palm trees as Christ rode in a donkey to the city.

John 12:12-13 (KJV) On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that "Christ" (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) was coming to Jerusalem, **13** Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

10th Day of Nissan

On the 10th day, every man takes a lamb for a house.

Exodus 12:12-15 (KJV) In the tenth day of this month, they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

11th Day of Nissan

12th Day of Nissan

The feast of unleavened bread which starts on the 15th day is also called the Passover.

Matthew 26:2 *Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.*

Mark 14:1 *After two days was the feast of the Passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.*

Luke 22:1 *Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.*

2 days before the feast of the Passover

The chief priest consulted that they might take Christ by subtilty and kill him.

Matthew 26:2-5 *Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. 3 Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 And consulted that they might take Christ by subtilty and kill Him. 5 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.* Also, in **Mark 14:1-2, Luke 22:1-6**

Christ gets ointment poured on His head.

Matthew 26:7 *There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head, as He sat at meat.* Also, in **Mark 14:3**

Judas makes deal with Chief Priests

Matthew 26:14-16 *Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought the opportunity to betray Him.* Also, in **Mark 14:10**

13th day of Nissan.

Evening to Sunrise. They are holding the Passover Lamb until dark.

13th Day of Nissan Sunrise to Evening

The Passover lamb, selected on the 10th, is kept through the 13th until the appointed time on the 14th. The congregation kills the lamb in the evening of the 14th.

Exodus 12:3-6 *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

14th Day of Nissan: Sabbath and Passover

The LORD'S PASSOVER

Also known as the feast to the LORD.

One of the biblically ordained Three Pilgrimage Festivals, Passover is celebrated for seven days in Israel and for eight days among the Jewish diaspora.

Leviticus 23:5 *In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover.* Also, in ***Exodus 12:11, Num 9:5, Num 28:16, Num 33:3, Josh 5:10, Ezra 6:19.***

Exodus 12:8 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel **shall kill it in the evening.** And they shall **eat the flesh in that night**, roast with fire, and **unleavened bread**; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. **Exo 12:18**

15th day of Nissan 1st day of the Feast of unleavened bread.

Feast of unleavened bread

Leviticus 23:6 *And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.*

Evening to Sunrise (15th Day starting at dark).

On the 1st day of the Feast of unleavened bread, (15th Day)

Matthew 26:17 *Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Christ, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?*

Mark 14:12 *And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the Passover?*

Luke 22:7 *Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed.*

15th Day of Nissan - Night of 15th to Sunrise of 16th.

The disciples made the Passover ready.

Matthew 26:17-19 *Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Christ, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? 18 And He said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples 19 And the disciples did as Christ had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover. Also, in Mark 14:12-16, Luke 22:7-13*

Before the feast of the Passover, Christ knew that His hour had come. And as the supper was ending, He rose from supper and began washing the disciples' feet.

John 13:1-5 *Now before the feast of the Passover, when Christ knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3 Christ knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself, 5 After that He poureth water into a bason, and*

began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

Washing of feet sometime after supper.

John 13:21-26 *When Christ had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. 23 Now there was leaning on Christ's bosom one of his disciples, whom Christ loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. 25 He then lying on Christ's breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? 26 answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Christ unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.*

Christ sends Judas to Chief Priests During supper, Christ said that one of the twelve would betray Him. Christ gave Judas the sop and told him to do quickly what he was going to do. Judas then went out, and it was night (**Mark 14:17-18; John 13:26-30**).

Mark 14:17-18 *And in the evening, He cometh with the twelve. 18 And as they sat and did eat, Christ said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.* Also, in **Luke 22:14-15, Luke 22:17-21**

Matthew 26:26-29 *Christ answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when He had dipped the sop, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Christ unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. 28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent He spake this unto him.*

They had Communion.

John 13:26-28 *And as they were eating, Christ took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new*

with you in my Father's kingdom. Also, in **Mark 14:22-25, Matthew 26:26-29**

They went to the mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:30 *And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.* Also, in **Mark 14:26, Luke 22:39.**

Christ goes to the garden of Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:36-38 *Then cometh Christ with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*

Judas arrived with an armed crowd sent by the chief priests and elders, and identified Christ with a kiss

Matthew 26:45-49 *Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. 47 while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. 49 And forthwith he came to Christ, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.* Also, in **Mark 14:43-49, Luke 22:27-53, John 18:1-12.**

Christ taken to Annas. (Father-in-law to Caiaphas).

1st Trial

John 18:13-14 *And led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. 14 Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.*

Christ was taken to Caiaphas the high priest where the scribes and elders were assembled

2nd Trial

Matthew 26:57 And they that had laid hold on Christ led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Also, in **Luke 22:54**.

16th AM to PM Sunrise to evening

Peter denies Christ. Before Dawn.

Matthew 26:74-75 Then began Peter to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. **75** And Peter remembered the word of Christ, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly. Also, in **Mark 14:67-72, Luke 22:56-62, John 15:17-27**

***Part of same story.**

Matthew 27:1-2 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Christ to put Him to death: **2** And when they had bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor., **Mark 15:1-2, Luke 23:1**.

*Since the Passover meal had been eaten the evening before, this is more proof that the whole week was Passover & not just the Passover lamb meal. **Ezekiel 45:21** In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

At daybreak, the elders, chief priests, and scribes brought Christ before their council and questioned Him. Tried by the Sanhedrin.

3rd Trial

Luke 22:66-71 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, **67** Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: **68** And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. **69** Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of YHWH. **70** Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of YHWH? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. **71** And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

Christ delivered from Caiaphas to Pontius Pilate in the hall of judgement.

4th Trial

John 18:28-33 (KJV) *Then led they Christ from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover.*

John 18:28 says that Christ's accusers remained outside Pilate's judgment hall because they feared becoming defiled and wanted to eat the Passover.

Acts 10:28 and **11:3** show that entering a Gentile's place and eating with Gentiles were matters of concern among Jews. Later Jewish teaching also discusses impurity associated with certain Gentile dwellings (**Mishnah Oholot 18:7**). These passages provide possible background for their concern, but John does not specify what was inside Pilate's hall, what precise act would defile them, or how long that defilement would last.

29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, *What accusation bring ye against this man?* **30** They answered and said unto him, *If He were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered Him up unto thee.* **31** Then said Pilate unto them, *Take ye Him, and judge Him according to your law.* The Jews therefore said unto him, *It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:* **32** *That the saying of Christ might be fulfilled, which He spake, signifying what death He should die.* **33** Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Christ, and said unto Him, *Art thou the King of the Jews?*

Pilate sent Christ to Herod, who questioned Him while the chief priests and scribes accused Him.

5th Trial

Herod then sent Christ back to Pilate.

6th Trial

Herod.: return to Pilate (Luke 23:6–12).

7th Trial

Luke 23:6-12 *When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. 8 And when Herod saw Christ, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things of*

Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. 9 Then he questioned with Him in many words; but He answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. 11 And Herod with his men of war set Him at nought, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

16th day of Nisan. About the sixth hour.

Pilate presents Christ to the people before delivering Him to be crucified.

John 19:13–16 Verse 14 says it was “*about the sixth hour*” when Pilate said, “*Behold your King!*”

Judas repents and returns the 30 pieces of silver.

Matthew 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Barabbas is released instead of Christ.

Mark 15:7-15 And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.... **15** And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Christ, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. Also, in ***Matthew 27:13-34, John 18:39-40***

17th through 18th Day of Nissan

Scripture establishes that at least one night passed between Pilate's presentation of Christ and His crucifixion. John 19:14 places Pilate's presentation at about the sixth hour, approximately noon, while ***Mark 15:25*** places the crucifixion at the third hour, approximately 9 a.m. Counting the hours the same way, the later crucifixion could not have occurred that same morning. The passages do not say how many nights passed or where Christ was held. More than one night remains possible and must be tested against the preparation day, burial, and Sabbath accounts.

19th Day of Nissan Daytime 9am

After the soldiers mocked Christ and led Him to Golgotha, they crucified Him at the third hour (approximately 9 a.m.).

Mark 15:16-25 (KJV) *And the soldiers led Him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. 17 And they clothed Him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about His head, 18 And began to salute Him, Hail, King of the Jews! 19 And they smote Him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon Him, and bowing their knees worshipped Him. 20 And when they had mocked Him, they took off the purple from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify him. 21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear His cross. 22 And they bring Him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. 23 And they gave Him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but He received it not. 24 And when they had crucified Him, they parted His garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. 25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.* Also, in **Matt 27:35-44, Luke 23:26-43**

*Scriptures prove that at least one night passed between Pilate's presentation of Christ and His crucifixion. During that unreported interval, Christ remained in the authorities' custody. Scripture does not specify where He was held or whether more than one night passed.

19th Day of Nissan About the ninth hour, 12pm

Darkness covered the land from the sixth hour until the ninth hour while Christ was on the cross. 12PM

Matthew 27:45-50 *And about the ninth hour Christ cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My YHWH, my YHWH, why hast thou forsaken me? 47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink. 49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save Him. 50 Christ, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.* Also, in **Mark 15:34-40, Luke 23:45-46**

19th Day of Nissan Afternoon to Sunset 3pm

Christ cried out and then He gave up the Ghost.

Because the Sabbath was approaching, the authorities requested that the bodies be taken down.

1st Daylight period of Christ's Death

***John 19:31-35** The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. **32** Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. **33** But when they came to Christ, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs: **34** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. **35** And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that He saith true, that ye might believe.*

20th day of Nissan - Sunset to Sunrise

Preparation day, before the Sabbath.

Mark says “when the even was come,” but does not specify the exact moment Joseph took the body; Luke says the Sabbath was drawing near. Those verses establish the preparation-day setting, but do not by themselves prove burial happened right as Nisan 20 began

1st Night period of Christ's Death

Mark 15:42** And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Also, in **Matthew 27:56** **Luke 23:50-56** And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: **51** (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of YHWH. **52** This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Christ. **53** And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. **54** And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on **55** And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. **56** And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment., **Matt 27:57-66, Mark 15:43:47, John 19:38-42

John 19:42 *There laid they Christ therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.*

20th Day of Nissan - Sunrise to Sunset

says the women saw where His body was laid, then returned and prepared spices and ointments before resting on the Sabbath.

2nd Daylight period of Christ's Death

Luke 23:55–56 *And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.*

21st Day of Nissan – Sabbath - Sunset to Sunrise

also known as the 7th day of unleavened bread

2nd Night period of Christ's Death

21st Day of Nissan – Sabbath - Sunrise to Sunset

3rd Daylight period of Christ's Death

22nd Day of Nissan - Sunset to Sunrise

Also known as the First day of the week

Christ has risen. **Mark 9:31** *He shall rise the third day.*

Early on the first day of the week, the women found the tomb empty. Christ had risen

3rd Night period

Matthew 28:1-6 *In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Christ, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Also, in **Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-9, John 20:1-9.***

FYI: The first day of the week would be seen as the first day of the New Moon day (1st), the 8th day, the 15th day and the 22nd day. Just like the last day of the week (Sabbath) are the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Matthew 12:40 *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.*

Mark 9:31 *For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.*

Mark 10:34 *And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.*

Nissan date	Time after death	“Day since death” count	Portion in the death-to-resurrection period
19	Afternoon	Day of death	Part of a daylight period
20	Night, then daylight	1st day after death	First night; second daylight period
21	Night, then daylight	2nd day after death	Second night; third daylight period
22	Night, before dawn	3rd day after death	Third night; tomb already empty when Mary arrives

Summary and Final Warning

The modern resurrection calendar does not align with the Word of God, no matter how teachers try to force it. Their version of the crucifixion and resurrection depends on a man-made pattern that ignores the biblical structure of time itself. The reason their timeline never fits is because they are using the Gregorian calendar, created by men, instead of the lunar calendar established by God at creation.

According to Scripture, each new month begins with the new moon, not with a continuous weekly cycle. God's days and Sabbaths are marked by the cycle of light, darkness, and the renewal of the moon.

Genesis 1:14 *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.*

Isaiah 66:23 *From one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.*

In God's design, the new moon day is the first day of each month, and the Sabbaths fall on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th days of every lunar month. This pattern resets each month with the new moon. The modern system, however, never resets. It runs on a repeating weekly cycle that is separated from the lunar signs God appointed. Because of this, when people try to place Christ's death and resurrection into the Gregorian calendar, the sequence of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits can never align properly. They end up inventing timelines that contradict the Gospels and distort the commandments of God.

The Word shows that Christ kept the true Passover, ate with His disciples on the first day of Unleavened Bread, was crucified and buried before the Sabbath began, and rose after three days and three nights, exactly as He said.

It did not happen on a Roman Sunday morning or on a calendar built by men.

This is why the resurrection story based on the Gregorian system will always fail. The days of the week, the days of the month, and the Sabbaths in that system are not the same days that God sanctified. Their count begins with Rome, not with the new moon that God created.

Exodus 31:17 *It shall be a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever, for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.*

Ezekiel 20:12 *Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.*

The confusion about the resurrection timeline exists because men replaced God's calendar with their own. When that substitution entered the church, every festival, Sabbath, and appointed time shifted out of harmony with heaven. The true pattern is written in Genesis, declared in Exodus, upheld by the prophets, and confirmed by the new moon that appears every month.

For a full study on the true biblical calendar, the new moon, and God's appointed Sabbaths, read B7-C01-S01- "The Sabbath God's Covenant Sign and Appointed Rest"

Those who return to God's calendar will see that His feasts, His Sabbaths, and the resurrection of His Son all stand in perfect order, without contradiction or human alteration.

Final Consideration

The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ are the heart of the Gospel. Paul wrote that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day “*according to the scriptures*” (**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**). Those last words matter. We must receive the account according to Scripture, not according to a story that moves our hearts while leaving us unwilling to check the facts.

A teacher may speak beautifully about Passover, Firstfruits, and the empty tomb. You may hear that account every year and never think to question it. But repetition does not make a claim biblical. Ask where the Gospels place the supper, the betrayal, the crucifixion, the burial, and the discovery of the empty tomb. Ask whether a claimed fulfillment is actually stated in Scripture. Take Christ’s words about the sign of Jonah seriously (**Matthew 12:40**). If the events must be moved or a passage must be made to say more than it says, examine the teaching again.

Apply that same test to this study. Do not accept its calendar or conclusions because I have written them. Open the passages and check them for yourself. The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily to see whether the things they heard were so (**Acts 17:11**). Do the same, even when a teaching comes from someone you trust.

Do not close this study with a feeling of conviction and then return to repeating what you have never verified. If Scripture corrects what you have believed or taught, make the correction. Christ’s resurrection is too important to leave in the hands of a beautiful, familiar story. Hold fast to what God’s Word establishes.

Do not delay this examination. Open your Bible today and test everything you have been taught.

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