

Jesus our Passover

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In the beginning time and seasons were regulated by the Sun and the Moon

[Gen 1:5 KJV] 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. [Gen 1:14-18 KJV] 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: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: [he made] the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that [it was] good.

**There were no clocks, no Jewish, Julian nor Gregorian calendars. Time, seasons and days were all according to the Sun and the Moon, Morning and evening, sunrise and sunset.*

[Gen 2:2-3 KJV] 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **(sabbath day/day of rest)**

[Exo 20:10-11 KJV] 10 But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: 11 For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Passover instituted when the children of Israel were about to make their departure from Egypt

[Exo 12:2-7, 9-18 KJV] 2 This month [shall be] unto you the beginning of months: it [shall be] the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, 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: 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his

house take [it] according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your **lamb** shall be **without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take [it] out from the sheep, or from the goats: 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**. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. ... 9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast [with] fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. 10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. 11 And thus shall ye eat it; [with] your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it [is] the **LORD'S passover**. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I [am] the LORD. 13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye [are]: and when I **see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy [you], when I smite the land of Egypt. 14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall **keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations**; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. 15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. 16 And in the **first day** [there shall be] an **holy convocation**, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save [that] which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. 17 And ye shall observe [the feast of] unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. 18 In the first [month], on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

[Exo 13:2-4, 10 KJV] 2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, [both] of man and of beast: it [is] mine. 3 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you

out from this [place]: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. 4 This day came ye out in the month **Abib**. ... 10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

[**Num 9:1-5 KJV**] 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season. 3 In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it. 4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover. 5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

[**Lev 23:2, 4-7, 10-12 KJV**] 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [Concerning] the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim [to be] holy convocations, [even] these [are] my feasts. ... 4 These [are] the feasts of the LORD, [even] holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. 5 In the fourteenth [day] of the first month at even [is] the **LORD'S passover**. 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. 7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. ... **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.

*All of this was a foreshadowing of Jesus to come as our Passover Lamb to die on the cross for our sins and to become our high priest as a mediator to the Father. He came not to destroy the law or the prophets but to fulfill (**Matt 5:17**) The law was a shadow of good things to come and not the very image (**Heb 10:1**) Issac was a shadow/type, symbolic of Jesus. (**Heb 11:17-19**) [**Jhn 1:29 KJV**] 29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. [**Luk 22:37 KJV**] 37 For I say unto you, that this*

that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

[Jhn 5:39, 46 KJV] 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. ... 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

**They were to keep the Passover, the feast of unleavened bread, and the wave sheaf offering, everything according to just how God said to keep it. At the appointed season and all the rites and ceremonies. Not to deviate from that.*

***To determine the day and time of Jesus's resurrection we have to go back and determine when he died. This can only be calculated according to how God said to keep the Passover.*

Israel was to kill the Passover lamb in the eve of the 14th day before sunset. So Jesus fulfilling that died before sunset that day.

*Jesus died the 9th hour -9th hour was during the day, hour of prayer (**Acts 3:1, Acts 10:3**)*

[Mat 27:46, 50 KJV] 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ... 50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. **[Mar 15:34 KJV]** 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? **[Luk 23:44-46 KJV]** 44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

They removed him from the cross and carried him to the tomb in haste because at sunset began the next day which was a high holy day sabbath (first day of unleavened bread)

[Jhn 19:38, 42 KJV] 38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave [him] leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. ... 42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation [day]; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand. **[Mar 15:42-43, 46 KJV]** 42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. ... 46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. **[Luk 23:52-54 KJV]** 52 This [man] went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 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.

According to Jesus's words he was to be in the grave 3 days and 3 nights (72 hrs)

[Mat 12:40 KJV] 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. **[Jhn 2:19-21 KJV]** 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in **three days** I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. **[Luk 13:32 KJV]** 32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the **third [day]** I shall be perfected. **[Mar 8:31 KJV]** 31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and [of] the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and **after three days rise** again. **[Luk 24:44-46 KJV]** 44 And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to **rise from the dead the third day:**

*Paul also said in [1Co 15:3-4 KJV] 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:***

[Act 13:29-30, 35 KJV] 29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took [him] down from the tree, and laid [him] in a sepulchre. 30 But God raised him from the dead: ... 35 Wherefore he saith also in another [psalm], Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **[Act 2:23-24, 27 KJV]** 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. ... 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Church tradition has Jesus dying on a Friday and resurrecting on Sunday morning. This is impossible because you cannot get 3 days and 3 nights/72 hrs between a Friday and Sunday morning

The waving of the wave sheaf was not a holy convocation, not a sabbath. It was during the week of unleavened bread. It was to be waved on the morrow after the sabbath (7th day sabbath) the priest would wave it that morning along with a lamb.

[1Co 15:20, 23 KJV] 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept. ... 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

[1Co 5:7 KJV] 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Each Gospel's recount of the resurrection:

***John 20-** this is where Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb when it was **yet dark**, (not at sunrise) the stone has been taken away. She goes to tell Peter and John and they all three go back to the tomb, Peter and John both enter the tomb and see that Jesus is gone. They leave but Mary stays at the tomb weeping, she sees Jesus but thinks he is the gardener. He tells her not to touch him because he had not ascended to the Father yet. But to go to the brethren and tell them "I ascend unto*

my Father and your Father and to my God and your God” [he had resurrected but had not ascended to the Father yet to present himself as the wave sheaf offering because it was not time, he waited till the time that the priest waved it that morning]

Matt 28:1-13- *in the end of the sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary m and the other Mary but Jesus was already resurrected, the angel instructed them to go tell the disciples and as they went they saw Jesus and held him by the feet (had already ascended to the Father) Jesus told them to go tell the brethren. **Verse 11** says when they were going some of the watch (guards) came into the city and told the chief priests all the things that were done. In **verse 2** there was a great earthquake, the angel had rolled the stone away and the keepers did shake and became as dead men. This happened earlier before the women got there because the guards were already in the city by the time the women saw Jesus.*

luke 24- *upon the first day of the week very early in the morning they (the women) came unto the sepulchre and found the stone rolled away (already resurrected)*

Mark 16:1-14- *the sabbath was past, Mary M and Mary(mother of James and Salome) came very early in the morning the first day of the week, came at the rising of the sun (Jesus was already resurrected)*

Verse 9- *now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he **appeared first** to Mary Magdalene...*

Jesus died before sunset(eve) on the 4th day (Passover) the 5th day began at sunset which was the high and holy day sabbath- 1st day of unleavened bread. The next sunset began the 6th day, the next sunset began the 7th day (normal weekly sabbath) the next sunset would begin the first day of the week, starting over for the week.

The count down began at Jesus’s death on the cross on the 4th day at the 9th hour before sunset, starting the 3 days, 3 nights (72 hours) This would put his resurrection on the 7th day before sunset not the first day of the week at sunrise. In each gospel when they came to the tomb he was already resurrected. When he

appeared to Mary he was waiting for the wave sheaf offering time (the morrow after the sabbath) to ascend to the Father, he had already been resurrected for some time. After presenting himself to the father he tells them he will meet them in Galilee. After this time he spent 40 days teaching them about the kingdom of God

[Act 1:2-3, 9 KJV] 2 *Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: ... 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

There is no longer a requirement to keep the Passover or feast days.

[Rom 10:4 KJV] 4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

[Rom 8:2-3 KJV] 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

[Col 2:16 KJV] 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]:

The death penalty came upon Adam and all mankind because of sin but the last man Adam (Jesus) came and redeemed us.

[Rom 5:12, 15, 17 KJV] 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ... 15 But not as the offence, so also [is] the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, [which is] by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. ... 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ

[Rom 5:19 KJV] 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

[1Pe 1:18-19 KJV] 18..redeemed... with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (our Passover)