

Easter Week

JEWISH DAY = SUNSET (6pm) TO SUNSET (6pm)
6pm-6am = Night, 6am-6pm = Day
12noon-3pm = Minor evening,
3pm-6pm = Major evening
Between the evenings/twilight = 3pm

Sabbath day – Saturday (6pm Fri-6pm Sat) Nissan/Aviv 9

Jesus arrives in Bethany six days before Passover (John 12:1)

First day - Sunday (6pm Sat-6pm Sun) Nissan/Aviv 10

This is the day the lamb is selected (brought in) to be tested for blemishes Ex. 12:3. It is tested until the 14th when it is slaughtered. (See Ex. 12:3,5)

On this day Jesus enters into Jerusalem – triumphal entry (John 12:12 The next day...). He is tried and tested for three days (until the 14th when he is slaughtered/crucified).

Jesus returns to Bethany for the night (Mark 11:11) Simon the lepers house? (Mark 14:3, Matt. 26:6)

Second day - Monday (6pm Sun-6pm Mon) Nissan/Aviv 11

On way to Jerusalem from Bethany, Jesus curses fig tree. (Mark 11:12f)

Jesus clears the temple. (Mark 11:15f)

Returns to Bethany for the night (Mark 11:19) (Mark 14:3 seems to indicate he stayed in Bethany each night, Mark 14:3, Matt. 26:6)

Third day - Tuesday (6pm Mon-6pm Tues) Nissan/Aviv 12

On way back to Jerusalem, Peter sees the fig tree that Jesus cursed is withered (Mark 11:20)

Arrived again into Jerusalem. Many discussions, teachings, parables and testings. They looked for a way to arrest Jesus. (Mark 11:27 – 13:2)

Jesus was there all day (Mark 12:13 – Later...)

Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the mount of Olives. (Luke 21:37)

Fourth day - Wednesday (6pm Tues – 6pm Weds) Nissan/Aviv 13

Jesus sat on the hill called the Mount of Olives (6pm was the beginning of Weds)

Passover now two days away Mark 14:1

The next morning the people came early to hear him teach again in the temple (Luke 21:38)

Chief priests and the teachers of the law looking for some way to get rid of Jesus (Luke 22:2)

Satan entered Judas (Luke 22:3) Judas went to the chief priests and officers of the temple guard.

Fifth day - Thursday (6pm Weds-6pm Thurs) Nissan/Aviv 14

First day of the feast of unleavened bread which is also Passover Preparation Day. On this day the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed (Luke 22:7)

First day of feast of unleavened bread. (Matt 26:17, Mark 14:12, Luke 22:7, John 13:1-2.

The meal Jesus had with his disciples (last supper) was not the Passover as the lamb was not yet sacrificed. They were simply making preparations for the Passover, but it was not eaten this evening as the lamb not yet sacrificed (Luke 22:8)...that would be later that day (3pm).

On Passover preparation Day the lambs were slaughtered at 3pm (Ex. 12:6 between the evenings – see box above)

Last supper (Weds evening)

Mount of Olives – Gethsemane (Weds night – Matt. 26:36-46, Mark 14:32f, Luke 22:40-46)

Jesus betrayed (during night) (Matt 26:47-56, Mark 14:43f, Luke 22:47-50)

Jesus' trial (during night) (Matt 26:59)

Peter's denial (during night)(Mark 14:66f)

Jesus before Pilate and Herod (John 19:4, Luke 22:66) (Morning – John 18:28 **they wanted to be able to eat the Passover – Passover not yet eaten**)

Jesus Crucified (Sixth to ninth hour (midday to 3pm = darkness) Luke 23:44, John 19:14
Jesus dies (Ninth hour, 3pm, between the evenings, twilight) Matt 27:46, 50. **This was exactly the time that the lambs were being slaughtered all over Jerusalem (Ex. 12:6 - 14th day of the month at twilight (See box above)). At the very time the noise of the lambs being slaughtered could be heard all around Jerusalem, so too could the voice of Jesus as he cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." JESUS CHRIST IS THE LAMB SLAUGHTERED!**

None of the lamb's bones were to be broken (Ex. 12:46) - None of Jesus' bones were broken (John 19:33)

Body laid in tomb (before sunset - Mark 15:42, John 19:31f). It was preparation day, the day before the Sabbath (The first and last days of the Passover feast were special Sabbath's/High Sabbath's - Ex 12:16 meaning Friday was also a Sabbath day this week - see John 19:31)

Sixth day - Friday (6pm Thurs - 6pm Fri) Nissan/Aviv 15

Special Sabbath - John 19:31

Day one and day seven of Passover week = special/additional Sabbath's

First day of Passover, Passover meal eaten (after 6pm Thurs and before 6pm Friday)

Seventh day - Saturday (6pm Fri - 6pm Sat) Nissan/Aviv 16

Regular Sabbath

MATTHEW 12:40 FULFILLED - THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS

Thurs night, Fri night, Sat night.

First day (6pm Sat - 6pm Sun) Nissan/Aviv 17

Empty tomb discovered at daybreak