

# The Day Jesus Christ Died

**NOTE:** **Roman time:** from 12:00 mid-night to 12:00 mid-night is **one day** and **part of two nights**  
**Jewish time:** from 6:00 PM to 6:00 PM is **one night** and **one day**  
**Nisan:** Hebrew calendar; corresponds to our calendar: **March-April**  
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Friday †† Begins 6:PM on Thursday to 6:PM on Friday: **Nisan 9**

1. Jesus Christ ate at the supper in Bethany: about 4:PM Friday:  
John 12:1-9; Matthew 26:6ff; Mark 14:3-9  
John says this event took place 6 days before the Passover.
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Saturday †† (6:PM Friday to 6:PM Sat.) This was weekly Sabbath

1. Preparation for the Triumphal entry; late morning.  
Luke 19:29f
  2. Triumphal entry, late afternoon  
John 12:12-19
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Sunday †† (6:PM Sat. to 6:PM Sunday)

1. Cursing of the fig tree, in the morning hours  
Mark 11:12ff
  2. Cleansing of the Temple in late afternoon
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Monday †† (6PM Sunday to 6 PM Monday)

1. Jesus Christ delivers the Prophetic discourse in the morning  
Mark 11:20
  2. Teaching in the Temple, late morning  
Mark 11:27
  3. Jesus Christ delivers the Olivet discourse, in early afternoon  
Matthew 24-25
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Tuesday †† (6:PM Mon. to 6:PM Tuesday)

1. Preparation for the Passover, in late afternoon.
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Wednesday †† (begins Tuesday Evening at 6:PM to Wednesday Evening 6:PM)

1. Last supper, also called Passover - around 6:PM Tue. Evening
2. Jesus Christ washes the feet of the disciples
3. Jesus Christ gives NEW COMMANDMENT
4. Judas leaves to betray Jesus Christ for 30 pieces of silver
5. Jesus Christ gives the upper room discourse in  
John 13-15
6. Jesus introduces the first Communion
7. Jesus tells of the sending of the Holy Spirit
8. Jesus Christ moves to Gethsemane, later Tuesday night  
Matthew 26:36

9. Jesus Christ is betrayed by a kiss, from Judas; arrested and taken to His 6 TRIALS
  - 1 Before Annas John 18:13
  - 2 Before Caiaphas John 18: 24
  - 3 Before the Sanhedrin Matthew 27:1
  - 4 Before Pilate John 18:25
  - 5 Before Herod Luke 22:7
  - 6 Before Pilate John 19:14
10. Jesus Christ is taken to be Crucified at 9 AM Wed. morning  
Matthew 27; John 19
11. Jesus Christ is taken from the cross at 3:PM Wed. afternoon
12. Jesus Christ is buried by 6:PM  
John 19; Luke 23

Fulfillment of Jesus Christ words that in Matthew 12:40 ( 3 days and 3 nights)

Jesus Christ rose from the grave sometime after 6:PM Saturday

1 <sup>st</sup>	NIGHT	Wed. Evening	6:PM to Thu. Morning	at 6:AM
1 <sup>st</sup>	DAY	Thu. Morning	6:AM to Thu. Evening	at 6:PM
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NIGHT	Thu. Evening	6:PM to Fri. Morning	at 6:AM
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DAY	Fri. Morning	6:PM to Fri. Evening	at 6:PM
3 <sup>rd</sup>	NIGHT	Fri. Evening	6:PM to Sat. Morning	at 6:AM
3 <sup>rd</sup>	DAY	Sat. Morning	6:AM to Sat. Evening	at 6:PM

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2. In John 18:28 the Passover had not yet occurred but was to occur that evening; that is the evening of Wed. at 6:PM.
3. Now look at John 19:14 and 31; “indicate that Jesus died on the afternoon before the Passover lambs were to be slain in the temple” This would have been during the day of Wed. the day of preparation...PASSOVER WOULD BE THURSDAY.
4. But the account by Mark of last Supper by our Lord, has all forms of PASSOVER— which parallels the details in the Synoptic which would mean that this supper was the Passover: all the characteristics of the Passover were present: well prepared meal; taking place at night; reclining at the table --done at Passover: bread and wine.. and the entire meal was closed with an act of praise.
5. What is going on?
  - first the Pharisees and Sadducees disputed over the exact timing of feast and so there were two different dates;  
two different celebrations of the Passover;  
one on Tuesday and  
the other on Thursday
  - second “A calendar found in the Qumran community places the Passover on Tuesday evening, several days before the official Passover
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**Calendar of the Week:**

Tue Preparation for the Passover and that night (Wednesday in Jewish calendar)  
Passover meal late night Tuesday  
Arrest of Jesus Christ and  
Late Tuesday into Wednesday begins the 6 trials.

- Wed Night going into Wednesday morning: 6 trials  
 9 AM Crucifixion  
 12 noon Cross covered in Darkness  
 3 PM Jesus Christ taken off cross  
 6 PM buried
- Thu Passover Sabbath
- Sat Weekly Sabbath and sometime after 6 PM Saturday Jesus Christ was Resurrected;  
 After the third day and into first day of the week by Jewish time.
- Sun Morning—early : Women arrive at the tomb but Christ had already risen:  
 Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1 and John 20:1

## Ash Wednesday

1. Practice of the Roman Catholic Church has gone through several adjustments but  
**Ash Wednesday** is **First day of Lent**.
2. Period of Lent is now 40 days to imitate Jesus Christ fasting in the desert for 40 days.
3. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of public penance for the individual and this began on first day of Lent.
4. Up to somewhere in the 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> cen. This was custom of RCC. Penitents were to be sprinkled with ashes, on this day, thus Ash Wednesday; and they were to dress in sackcloth and married couples were to refrain from “being with one another” until:
5. Day of Reconciliation with the Christian community which was to be on Maundy Thursday—the Thursday before Easter Sunday
6. After the 10<sup>th</sup> century, all this was dropped and the beginning of the period of Lent was to be symbolized by placing ashes on the foreheads of the entire congregation.
7. Today in Roman Catholic Church; on **Ash Wednesday** the penitent receives a cross mark on the forehead, made of ashes.

## Palm Sunday

1. Practice of Roman Catholic Church and occurs Sunday before Easter Sunday, also called “**Passion Sunday**”  
 And like **Ash Wednesday**, celebration of **Palm Sunday** has gone through various changes over history of the Roman Catholic Church
2. Begins the “**Holy Week**” and commemorates Jesus Christ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
3. Name **Palm Sunday** is derived from the crowds laying Palm leaves in path of Jesus Christ as He moved through Jerusalem.
4. **In celebration**: after walking on the Palms—this is followed by liturgy of the account of Jesus Christ on that Sunday.

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## Good Friday

1. Again ritual practice by Roman Catholic Church, on Friday before Easter.
2. Good Friday was to commemorate the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The TRADITION of crucifixion occurring on Friday came from this celebration
3. The liturgical service has not really changed that much over the centuries of Roman Catholic Church.
4. The liturgy –starts after 3:PM and consist of three parts:
  - a. Readings and prayers—especially from the Gospel of John
  - b. Veneration of the cross
  - c. Communion
5. Many Protestant Churches have instituted various services on this Friday.

**TEN DAYS** of *LIFE of Jesus Christ*

**TEN DAYS** of *HUMAN HISTORY*

**TEN DAYS** until *THE RESURRECTION*

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We are now going to cover the last events of life of Jesus Christ  
Not going into any depth at this time...

PROBLEM: WHAT DAY DID Jesus Christ DIE?

Real Issue : is that you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross as a demonstration of Love of God—taking judgment of all sins of world—in substitution -  
Then buried and rose from the dead—alive forever and we share His risen life

But: What Day did Jesus Christ die?

Some say Wed.; Some Thur.; Some Friday; ---least able to be defended...  
use of computers... etc., argue...etc. (wife/children)

Day most recognize is Friday—handed down to us from the Roman Catholic Church;

**Matthew 12:40** for just as Jonah was **THREE DAYS** and **THREE NIGHTS** IN **THE BELLY OF THE SEAMONSTER**, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Study those who believe it was Friday, etc—dance around this one...many who cry out for the Literal interpretation of the Bible, yet here say that 3 days and 3 nights in Matthew 12 do not refer to literal 3 days and 3 nights—...figurative...—with no other reason than to fit their Friday crucifixion...

Then others dance around trying to make Friday to early Sunday morning 3 days and 3 nights... --Impossible

**BUT the truth is that there is NO WAY YOU CAN CRAM 3 DAYS and NIGHTS into the Friday crucifixion and Sunday resurrection... without doing damage to Scripture...**

So for the chronology of the events of the  
**LAST 10 DAYS of our Lord's life**  
 we are going to stay with the flow of Scripture that  
 Jesus Christ DIED on Wednesday.

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Wednesday	noon	Darkness shrouded the cross around 12 noon, and whatever the judgment was started at that time, hidden from world;
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	Noon	Darkness shrouded the Cross around 12: noon Wednesday—judgment hidden from world
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FROM 6:00 PM	Wednesday evening to 6:PM Thursday morning	FIRST NIGHT
FROM 6:00 AM	Thursday morning to 6: PM Thursday evening	FIRST DAY
FROM 6:00 PM	Thursday evening to 6:PM Friday morning	SECOND NIGHT
FROM 6:00 AM	Friday morning to 6:PM Friday evening	SECOND DAY
FROM 6:00 PM	Friday evening to 6:AM Saturday morning	THIRD NIGHT
FROM 6:00 AM	Saturday morning to 6:PM Saturday evening	THIRD DAY

Jesus Christ Rose from the grave  
 sometime after 6:00 Saturday  
 evening into Sunday morning

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So... our chronological study will be constructed around the crucifixion occurring on Wednesday morning, at 9:AM and His body taken down after 3:PM Wednesday

But again I strongly stress, the **day of the week of the crucifixion is no grounds for separating or even arguing with other believers** –splitting—separating...etc.

If one desires to believe that Christ was crucified on Friday, then that is their view.  
 Let us be glad they believe that He is the Son of God, the Savior; that He died for judgment of our sins; and rose for our Eternal Life  
 (And hopefully they will deal in Spiritual Love with those who disagree with them).

By the way, there is also a large number who believe that Jesus Christ died on THURSDAY! But whatever the day, most of the events are easy to follow, and the only problem is the day of the week will change as per your view of the day of Crucifixion. Each view can set up these events as to their day of crucifixion.

So for OUR STUDY we now move into Ten Days starting with the supper at Bethany on Friday evening and going to the Resurrection appearances on Sunday morning of the following week. (If you believe that Jesus Christ was crucified on Friday, don't let that cause you disturbance in this study, for no doctrine is altered! Whether by either the Wednesday/Thursday/Friday view)

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We are going to study many events in the life of Jesus Christ in these 10 Days Of History,  
we will look at  
His thinking,  
His friends,  
His enemies and  
His bystanders!

We will study the three darkest hours of judgment on the cross and  
the three silent days and nights of history!

Part of the problem of chronology we will run into,  
[where a few of these events are put in different places by different teacher]  
is that **no one gospel covers everything in detail**  
**some do not cover everything chronologically.**

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## 1 Principle:

**Gospels are not designed to be Historical accounts,  
but, rather, Gospel accounts**

- 2 Some Gospel leave out pertinent events
- 3 The SYNOPTICS (Matthew Mark Luke) are not concerned with chronology and, therefore, skip around.
- 4 John is Chronological and that helps us, but presents a problem when you compare the order of events. So remember that John is chronological, but Matthew and Mark go back and forth.

We will start our 10 days in the small village of BETHANY in JOHN 12. You will recall that it is in John 11 that Jesus Christ raises Lazarus from the dead — intensifies hate.

Then chapter 12, John chooses 3 events — **prepare for PASSOVER- 13**

Verses 1-11 The anointing of the Lord for death

There was only one person who truly understood what was about to happen in history and that person was a fantastic Woman!

Verses 12-19 Entrance into Jerusalem — Nation in Spiritual CONFLICT!

Verses 20-36 Seeking Gentiles preparation for the Church.

Verse 37-50 National Rejection

**READ Verses 1-11**

1	Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
2	So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining <i>at the table</i> with Him.
3	Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
4	But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, *said,
5	“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?”
6	Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.
7	Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.
8	For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.”
9	The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.
10	But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also;
11	because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

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I. Day 10: Friday Nisan 9 Supper at Bethany John 12:1-9

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Verse 1 is the Background for the event and it is said to be six days before the Passover

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And we start off with an apparent problem.

The problem is that there seems to be a contradiction between this passage in the Gospel of John and Matthew 26:2 and Mark 14:1-3.

Matthew 26 deals with the Anointing of Jesus Christ but in verse 2 says **two days before Passover**; and the same thing with Mark 14.

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**BUT THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION--ONLY AN APPARENT ONE!**

**Solution:** In the Synoptic accounts (Matthew Mark Luke) the events are not chronological, while in John they are given in historical sequence.

**QUESTION:** Why do Matthew and Mark refer back from two days before Passover to what happened in Bethany?

**ANSWER:** Because "what happened" at Bethany sets up the circumstances that will aid the Sanhedrin in finding Jesus Christ and arresting Jesus Christ - and that is the reaction of Judas!

Judas started his betrayal of Jesus Christ at the supper in Bethany.

Judas will make his protest against the waste of money, for the oil used to anoint Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ will rebuke Judas.

Judas will then go to the Sanhedrin and sell out his friend!

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- 7 So the Passover here is on Wednesday, Nisan 14<sup>th</sup> — which begins with the supper on Tuesday Night at 6:PM.

**So The Dinner At Bethany Is On Evening Of Friday — Nisan 9;  
In Six Days Jesus Christ Will Be Crucified**

