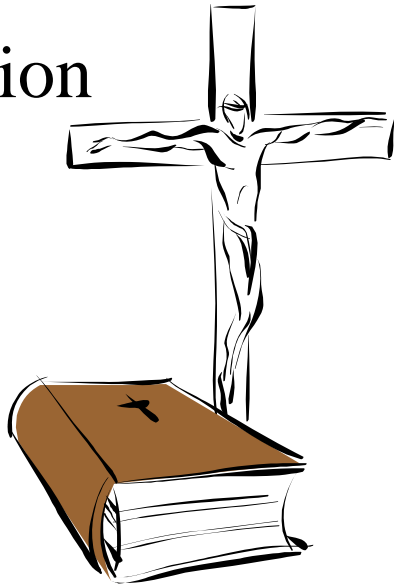
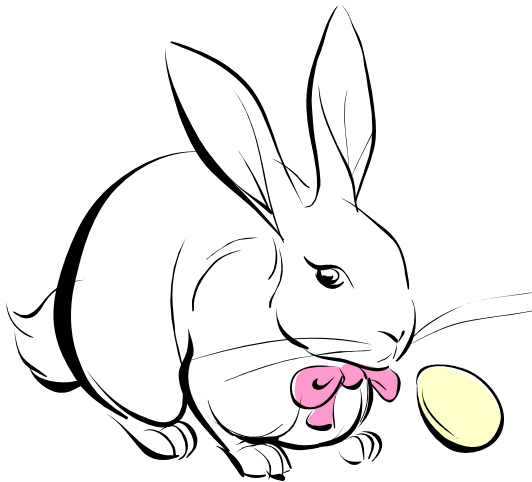


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Have you ever wondered about the “Easter Weekend”, how it is that the “Church” fit 3 days and 3 nights in, between Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday?

According to Jesus Himself, He prophesied that He would be as Jonah was for 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of the whale, so shall He be for 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth. (See Matthew 12:40)

This “Easter Weekend” bothered me for a long time. Is it really a Christian celebration, or did Satan pervert it, and is now just another Pagan celebration practiced in the Church? If this is true, then about nobody today, understand and celebrate the Biblical crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and would be a real shame if it is true!

One of the most difficult things in life to get rid off or to correct is tradition that we grew up with. Most people don’t even have a clue where most of the Church traditions really originate from, and blindly follow it. Who would think there is something wrong with it, after all, it is a Church thing ... or is it?

To work this out accurately and without confusion, we have to understand a little bit about the Jewish calendar. Our 24-hour day starts at 12am and ends at 12am. The Jewish 24-hour day starts at 6pm and ends a 6pm. According to the gospels in the Bible, Jesus died at about 3pm (Jewish 9th hour) on the Passover day, the 14th of Nisan, and was buried after 6pm, that would make it the 15th of Nisan. The day following the Passover, is the Feast of Unleavened bread (15th of Nisan) and is a special Sabbath day, therefore they could only burry Him and not anoint Him with spices, to avoid violating their law.

According to Mark 16:2, very early in the morning the first day of the week (Sunday), they came to the sepulcher at the rising of the sun, and found the tomb of Jesus empty. Lets assume a time between 4am to 6am. With this in mind, we can then count the days back and see where it comes out to. Remember that Jesus died and His spirit left His body at 3pm. Thus, we can then only count from the last 3pm before Sunday morning, to get

our full 24-hour days. Counting from 3pm Saturday, 3pm Friday will make it day 1 in the heart of the earth. Day 2 would be from 3pm Friday to 3pm Thursday. Day 3 would be from 3pm Thursday to 3pm Wednesday.

This is then quite interesting, according to Jesus' own words, He must have been crucified on the Wednesday, on which He died at 3pm, and 3 days and 3 nights later, rose from the dead after 3pm Saturday. We must remember, all these things follow the Jewish pattern where their new day start at 6pm, not our modern day pattern with the new day starting at 12am.

With this simple calculation in mind, does the Bible support it? Lets follow through and see what the Bible (KJV) says:

Friday (9th Nisan)

John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom He raised from the dead. *(From Friday to Wednesday are 6 days)*

Saturday (10th Nisan)

John 12:2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him. *(After 6pm Friday makes it Saturday)*

John 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

Sunday (11th Nisan)

John 12:12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

Mark 11:9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Mark 11:10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Mark 11:11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when He had looked round about upon all things,

Monday (12th Nisan)

and now the eventide was come, He went out unto Bethany with the twelve. *(After 6pm Sunday makes it Monday)*

Mark 11:12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, He was hungry: *(This is the morning of Monday)*

Mark 11:13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, He came, if haply He might find anything thereon: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

Mark 11:14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it.

Mark 11:15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

Tuesday (13th Nisan)

Mark 11:19 And when even was come, He went out of the city. *(After 6pm Monday makes it Tuesday)*

Mark 11:20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. *(This is the morning of Tuesday)*

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. *(From Tuesday to Wednesday are 2 days)*

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on His head.

Wednesday (14th Nisan)

Mark 14:17 And in the evening He cometh with the twelve. *(After 6pm Tuesday makes it Wednesday)*

Mark 14:18 And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eats with Me shall betray Me. *(This was the Passover supper and also the last supper)*

Mark 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and He says to His disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

Mark 14:41 And He cometh the third time, and says unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest; it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mark 14:42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrays Me is at hand.

Mark 14:43 And immediately, while He yet spoke, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

Mark 14:53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with Him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

Mark 15:1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

Mark 15:25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. *(This was at 9am and is the morning of Wednesday)*

Mark 15:34 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? *(This was at 3pm when He died)*

Thursday (15th Nisan)

After 6pm Wednesday makes it Thursday. This was also the “Feast of Unleavened Bread” and a special Jewish Sabbath. By 3pm Thursday, this would be day 1.

Friday (16th Nisan)

By 3pm Friday, this would be day 2.

Saturday (17th Nisan)

By 3pm Saturday, this would be day 3, and Jesus rose from the dead after 3pm. This was also the normal Jewish Sabbath.

Sunday (18th Nisan)

Mark 16:1 And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him. *(After 6pm Saturday makes it Sunday)*

Mark 16:2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. *(This is the morning of Sunday)*

Mark 16:3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?

Mark 16:4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

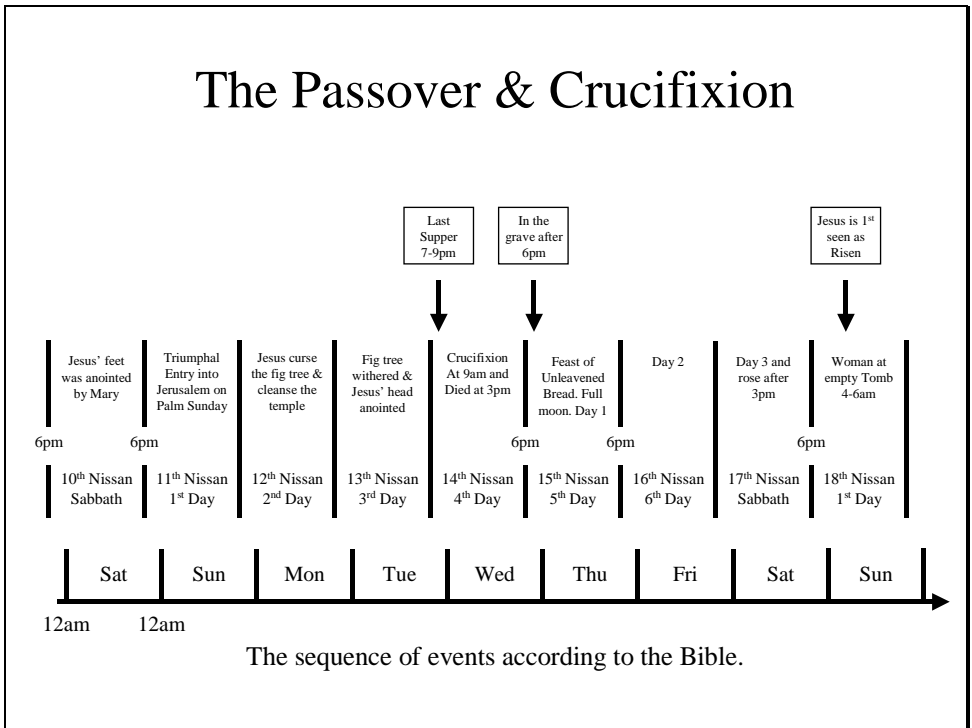
Mark 16:5 And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

Mark 16:6 And he says unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him.

Mark 16:7 But go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.

By this, the scripture was fulfilled, as is said in 1st Corinthians 15:3,4: “...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”

It is thus very clear, that Wednesday, the 14th of Nisan, was the crucifixion day. It is also clear, that the day on which it was discovered that Jesus rose from the dead, was Sunday, the 18th of Nisan. It is not possible to determine the exact time of the resurrection, as the Bible is not clear about that. To be strictly Biblical and according to the prophecy of Jonah, the resurrection must have happened after 3pm on Saturday, the 17th of Nisan. Remember that the new day only start at 6pm. See diagram below:



There are also a lot of controversy about the exact year of the crucifixion. Some say it was 30AD, other say 32AD or 33AD. Lets look at the facts so far: We now know that the day was a Wednesday and the date was the 14th of Nisan. (See Exodus 12:6)

With this in mind, we can then use a simple calendar calculator, to tell us in which year the 14th of Nisan fell on a Wednesday. You can download an accurate, free calculator from www.fourmilab.ch/documents/calendar. Once you've downloaded it, go to the Hebrew calendar and enter the year 3789, select the month of Nisan and enter the 14th as the date and click on "Calculate". Have a look at the Julian calendar and note the year, date and day. This will give you the year 29AD, 16th of April. Do the same for the years 3790 to 3794. Your figures should look something like below:

Jewish Year 14 th Nisan	Julian Year	Month	Day	Weekday
3789	29	April	16	Saturday
3790	30	April	5	Wednesday
3791	31	March	26	Monday
3792	32	April	14	Monday
3793	33	April	3	Friday
3794	34	March	22	Monday

Out of these 6 years above, we can clearly see that the only year that corresponds with the Bible is 30AD.

There are another argument that I heard before and would like to clarify; that's about the darkness that came over the earth at the time of the crucifixion. Some say and argue that they can proof this, that it was an eclipse of the moon.

Lets have a look at another aspect of the Jewish calendar. The Jewish calendar is based upon the phases of the moon, where the first day of the month starts with a new moon. A new moon is the phase of the moon, when the moon is between the earth and the sun, and thus the moon appears to us to be not visible, because we see the dark shadow side of it. The beginning of the next month is again on a new moon, thus their months have about 29 days.

Anyone with just half a brain, can work out that halfway through the month, at the 14th or 15th, it must be full moon. This mean that the earth is now between the sun and the moon, so that we can see the sun's light reflecting to the earth, and thus the moon is visible. By knowing this simple fact, how could there be an eclipse of the moon on the crucifixion day (14th of Nisan 30AD), if the earth is between the sun and the moon?

The answer is simple, there was no eclipse of the moon. The darkness that came over the world, was a supernatural darkness. It was at that time that the sins of the world, yes, yours and mine included, were put on Jesus Christ, and God, that cannot face sin, had to turn his face from the world until His own Son, Jesus Christ, paid the price for sin.

Through this short little study, we learned, using common knowledge, strictly based upon the Bible, that Jesus was indeed crucified on a Wednesday, on a full moon, and rose from the dead on a Saturday and was first seen by people on the Sunday. Thus, the Easter celebration as we know it, is unbiblical and needs lots of correcting!

Oh, by the way, do you know where the name Easter comes from? It comes from the name Astarte, and is the Greek and Roman name of Ashtoreth, the supreme female divinity of the Phoenician nation, the goddess of love and fruitfulness. The Babylonian and Assyrian counterpart of Astarte was Ishtar, from which has evolved "Easter." The legends regarding the "Golden Egg" of Astarte and the fertility symbol of the rabbit have yielded the peculiar traditions involving rabbits that lay eggs! Hmm... very interesting, thus Satan did mess it up, big time!

Please, if you do celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, please keep the Biblical aspect of it in mind, so that you celebrate a Christian, and not a Pagan celebration.

Thank you for reading this, may God bless you with this truth from His Word.

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

