

Chronology of the Death, Burial & Resurrection of Yeshua

Day of Week	Day of Nisan	Gregorian name	Part of the day	Events	
5	14	Wednesday	Night	Yeshua's early Seder Yeshua arrested	
		Thursday	Day	Passover Lambs killed Yeshua crucified & buried. Tomb Sealed	½ day
6	15	Thursday	Night	First day of Chag haMatzot High Sabbath of Passover	1 day
				High Sabbath continues Tomb remains sealed	
7	16	Friday	Night	Erev Shabbat The weekly Sabbath	1 day
		Saturday	Day	The weekly Sabbath continues The waving of the Omer (First Fruits)	
1	17	Saturday	Night	Havdalah ceremony Yeshua's resurrection sometime before dawn	½ day
		Sunday	Day	Women come to the tomb The disciples see Yeshua	

How to read this chart

First, it is absolutely critical that you understand that the Jewish day begins at sundown and ends at the appearing of the first star the following day. The above chart reflects this cosmological approach to the days of the month. Passover occurs in the month Nisan, which is spring in Israel.

1. Yeshua was crucified and buried on Nisan 14, a Thursday afternoon (dead and buried for half a day). This was also the "preparation day" for the Sabbath Passover which would begin after sundown that same day. The Passover lambs were brought up from Bethlehem and killed on this day
2. He was in the tomb Nisan 15 (Sundown Thursday until twilight Friday = 1 full day)
3. He was in the tomb Nisan 15 (Sundown Thursday until twilight Friday = 1 full day)
4. He was also in the tomb on Nisan 17 (ie after sundown Saturday = half a day) BUT
5. He rose from the dead that same day (Nisan 17) before sunrise on Sunday morning

In exact accordance with Matthew 12.40, Yeshua was three days and three nights in the tomb and rose from the dead on the third day before the breaking of the dawn (John 20.1)

ie Nisan 14 ½ day + Nisan 15 full day + Nisan 16 full day + Nisan 17 ½ day = 3 days

It is important to note that there are more Sabbaths in the Jewish calendar than there are seventh days. At Passover, the Friday is called the High Sabbath (begins at sundown on Thursday) and the Saturday is the weekly Sabbath (begins at sundown on Friday). Despite the use in English of the singular Sabbath in Mark 16.1, the Greek word used is a plural noun, indicating that the women came to the tomb following the Sabbaths (ie Friday – High Sabbath & Saturday – weekly Sabbath).