

Part 4

Lesson #14

PREPARATION FOR LESSON: Mt. 27:56 – 28:15; Mk. 15:42 – 16:14; Lk. 23:50 – 24:11; Jn. 19:31 – 20:18 or

Harmony of the 4 Gospels, SECTIONS 170 - 179

DETAILS ABOUT HIS DEATH

Crucifixion

- *Father, forgive them...* this is a prayer only for the Old Testament Jewish era and those under Jewish law.
Under Old Testament Jewish law, *willful* sin had no sacrifice which could forgive them; only the death penalty. Jesus is not asking for their pardon without repentance. He wants God the Father to count it as sin done in *ignorance*. This will give the Sanhedrin and Jewish people extended mercy until they hear the gospel message, empowered by the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, the New Testament Church era began. After Pentecost, Peter tells the Jews, *You and your rulers killed the Author of Life... God chose to see it as done in ignorance so you can be forgiven.... Repent so your sin may be completely taken away.* Acts 3:15-19. Over the next weeks, 8000 Jews believe, including many priests. Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:7.



- The legs of criminals were broken to hasten their death. They could no longer get air, by using the ledge to push their body up. As a result, they immediately suffocated.

Events After Death

- An earthquake moves stones that open some of the tombs. After Jesus' resurrection, believers in those tombs were raised with mortal bodies. They received added years to live, but then would die again (like Lazarus).
- The heavy curtain in the Temple was torn open from top to bottom by God the Father.
It was picture language to say the way into His presence is now open because of Jesus' payment.

Jewish Traditions of other events, many are which are in the Talmud.

- Middle light of the menorah in the Temple went out.
- Temple doors opened by themselves - *O temple, O temple, there is no need for you to say anything; I know you are destined for destruction.* Rabbi Johanan Ben Zekai, 31 AD
- Top support of the temple door suddenly broke and fell.
- The red ribbon on the scapegoat sent into the wilderness on Yom Kippur, no longer turned white. (Isa. 1:18) In picture language it meant, from the year Jesus died, the scapegoat could no longer take away sin. Only Jesus, the Lamb of God can take away our sin.

God in His mercy has left clues in their own writings, the Talmud, to point them to Jesus.

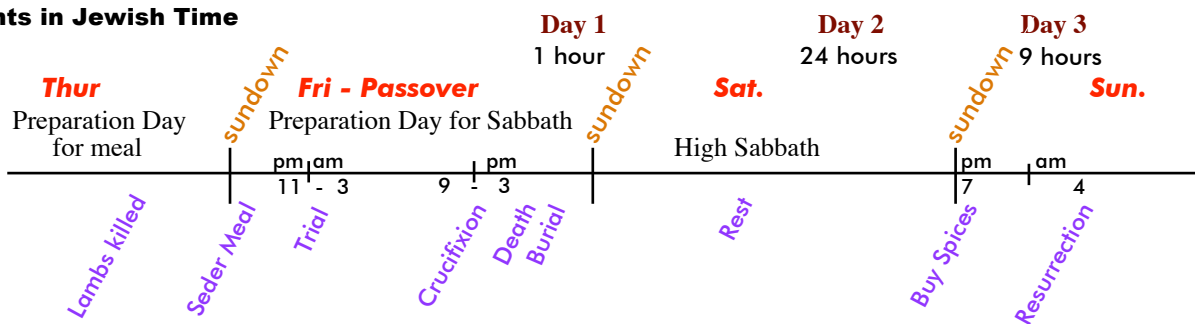
Jewish Burial cf. John 19:39-40

Women wash and anoint the body with perfumed ointment. The body is then wrapped with long wide strips of linen burial cloth with more than 75 pounds of spices in the wrappings. The head is wrapped with a separate strip of linen cloth. The Jews learned this burial method during the 400 years they lived in Egypt.

Jewish Time Any part of a day is counted as the full 24 hours of night and day.

- To rise **on** the 3rd day means at least a part of 3 consecutive days are involved. Matthew 16:21
- To rise **after** the 3rd day means any time after the 3rd day has begun. Mark 9:31
- 3 days and 3 nights is a Hebrew idiom meaning any period of time involving 3 consecutive days. Matthew 12:40
It could be as short as 24 hours, 2 minutes. As an idiom it never meant a full 72 hours.

Events in Jewish Time



DETAILS ABOUT HIS DEATH *continued*

After Death The spirit/soul of Jesus went to Paradise in Hades/Sheol (place of all departed spirits).

bad	(Heb) Sheol/Hades (Gk)	good
Hell/Gehenna souls of unbelievers	GULF	Paradise Abraham's bosom (Rabbinic name)
Abyss - temporary confinement for evil angels can be released Rev 9, 20		souls of believers until the Ascension
Tartarus - permanent confinement for evil angels		their sins were covered but not removed, so they could not enter God's presence

possible to see & talk with each other, but not to be with them

DETAILS ABOUT HIS RESURRECTION

Why Jesus Rose on the 3rd day

- Psalm 16:10 predicted, *You (Father) will not let Your Holy One (Messiah) see decay.*
- According to Jewish theology, the body did not begin to decay until the 4th day.
If Jesus is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, He must be raised from the dead **before** the 4th day.
- In the 1st century, the doubt was not if Jesus died, but if He was the promised Messiah.

Order of Events on Sunday morning

1. An earthquake; Jesus rises from the dead; an angel moves the stone.
2. The 15 Roman soldiers leave to tell the Sanhedrin of Jesus' resurrection. Matt. 28:11-15
3. Mary Magdalene arrives at tomb, sees nothing, leaves to tell Peter and John. Jn. 20:1-2
4. Two other women come, see 1 angel, then 2; receive a message for disciples and Peter. Matt. 28:5-8, Luke 24:1-8
They are Salome and Mary, wife of Clopas, (sister and sister-in-law of Mary, mother of Jesus). John 19:25
5. Peter and John come to the tomb; John believes, Peter wonders; they go their separate ways. Luke 24:1-8
6. Jesus appears to:
 - Mary Magdalene when she returns to the tomb. Jn. 20:11-18
 - Salome and Mary (wife of Clopas and mother of James) on the way to the apostles. Matt. 28:8-10
 - Peter (probably in the Garden of Gethsemane). Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5

APPLICATION The purpose of the Resurrection

Jesus' spiritual death (separation) made payment for sin. But He still needed to physically die so there could be a resurrection. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead...

> ...to validate the claims of Jesus.

Jesus said He was deity, the Son of God; the Sanhedrin said Jesus was a liar and deceiver.

If the Sanhedrin were right, God would let Jesus stay dead.

But God showed He agreed with Jesus by raising Him from the dead. Romans 1:4

Jesus said, *It has been finished; Sin has been paid for.* But how can we be sure that is true?

God the Father raised Jesus to show He accepted the payment; it was sufficient.

>to give Jesus a glorified body for heaven. His human body was only for this earth. It had limitations of being tired, hungry and could die. He needed an immortal body for heaven.

>to give certainty of our resurrection and new bodies.

Jesus said, *Because I live, you will also live.* John 14:19

Paul told the Philippians (3:20), *Jesus will transform our lowly bodies so they will be like His glorious body.*

(Jesus and the Holy Spirit were also involved in His resurrection as members of the Divine Partnership)

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith and the **certainty** of our **future**.

It is why we say, *He is risen - Alleluia.*

