

**General Topics :: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!****If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!, on: 2008/3/19 8:12**

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I can say AMEN to that Krispy, I actually had this same conversation with a friend of mine yesterday. However, I want to point out something to you and anyone else who reads this thread that I pointed out to my friend yesterday.

If Jesus died on Wednesday, well; wouldn't three days and three nights from Wednesday be Saturday-the 7th Day Sabbath, making Saturday the day that Jesus would have been risen from the dead.

I am glad you started this thread, because I was actually going to start one today called "What Day did Jesus die"-but you beat me to it :-)

Now of course I am familiar with verses like:

Matt 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils

My question is, how do these verses take into play with Jesus dying on Wednesday?

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Note: I am not trying to turn this thread into a thread about the Sabbath, I am just stating something that I realized in connection with the topic of this thread " Good Wednesday" when having this discussion yesterday.

Re: - posted by John173 (), on: 2008/3/19 8:37

Hmmm....Died Wednesday night (evening), in the tomb all day Thurs, Fri, Sat. Empty tomb Sunday morn. Thus resurrection on Sunday, or Easter as the pagans began calling it.

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/3/19 8:44

Quote:

John173 wrote:
Hmmm....Died Wednesday night (evening), in the tomb all day Thurs, Fri, Sat. Empty tomb Sunday morn. Thus resurrection Sunday, or Easter as the pagans began calling it.

Wouldn't that be four nights and three days though?

Also, I thought scripture said or taught that Christ died at 3:00pm (I could be wrong on that one, but I thought I remember reading that one time)

So, if so, would 3:00pm be considered "night" in Jerusalem? Isn't the Sun still up in Jerusalem at 3:00pm?

Re: - posted by John173 (), on: 2008/3/19 8:55

Good points Blazed. Come to think of it, I had heard this teaching before about the feast day years ago, but the speaker put it as a Thursday sabbath.

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 9:08

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Three days and three nights.

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Yes, that's correct, a Thursday Sabbath. According to the Law they could not handle His body on a Sabbath, so they took Him down from the cross and placed Him in the tomb BEFORE the Sabbath (beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread - Thursday).

Krispy

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/3/19 9:14

"Good question. The answer is that the Jewish **day begins at 6pm**. So today is Wednesday, and Thursday will begin at 6pm this evening."

Do you mean the Jewish day starts at 6:00pm of what would be our Tuesday evening?

Am I understanding you correctly?

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 9:32

Yea... today is Wednesday. To the Jews of that time (and orthodox Jews of today), Thursday begins at 6pm this evening

A friend of mine is Jewish, and the Sabbath begins at 6pm.

Krispy

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/3/19 9:49

So what would be Wednesday Night?

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 10:01

I don't know if they call dawn morning, or dusk evening... what does it matter? The Sabbath begins at 6pm (some say sun set). That's what matters.

Krispy

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/3/19 10:19

It matters because of Matt 12:40 "...three days AND THREE NIGHTS..."

I understand everything else you said about Wednesday/Thursday and the Jewish DAY, but I am trying to see how the "night" would come into play with everything you told me.

Because it definitely has to be "...three days AND THREE NIGHTS..."

I am not so much interested in what it would be CALLED, but when it actually is, what is the time frame for night

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 10:29

Well, instead let's look at the hours... 6pm Wednesday (the beginning of Thurs) to 6pm Thursday... 1 day, 1 night. 6pm Friday... 2 days, 2 nights. 6pm Saturday... 3 days, 3 nights... and He arose sometime between 6pm Saturday (beginning of Sunday) and dawn Sunday.

Exactly 3 days and 3 nights, just as He said.

We don't know the exact hour, just that by dawn on the first day of the week (Sunday) He was not in the tomb. (Praise The Lord!!)

Krispy

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/3/19 11:54

Interesting topic.

Any good sources that someone can link on this?

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late! - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/3/19 12:06

brother krispy and blazedbyGod,

i was gonna ask you guys what do you do with all the verses that say he rose on the 3rd day? not trying to be the one disagreeing, but to the jews any part of one day was considered a whole day.

also there are many scriptures that say that He was raised on the third day.

Matthew 16:21

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and **on the third day** be raised to life.

Matthew 17:23

They will kill him, and **on the third day** he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

Matthew 20:19

and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. **On the third day** he will be raised to life!"

Luke 9:22

And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and **on the third day** be raised to life."

Luke 13:32

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and **on the third day** I will reach my goal.'

Luke 18:33

On the third day he will rise again."

Luke 24:7

'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and **on the third day** be raised again.' "

Luke 24:21

but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is **the third day** since all this took place.

Luke 24:46

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead **on the third day**,

Acts 10:40

but God raised him from the dead **on the third day** and caused him to be seen.

1 Corinthians 15:4

that he was buried, that he was **raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,

sorry for the many verses, but i showed them to see how many times the different writers and Christ said that He would die and be raised on the third day.

it really doesn't matter eternally whether it was wednesday or friday, at least we know that He was raised again and is coming back soon.

i hope that these verses challenge us to dig deeper into His word. :-)

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excellent thread guys,
phil

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 13:24

LoveHim... thats a good question... and its a good question that doesnt really matter. We could really get off on debating which side of the Ark the elephants slept on, ya know?

My main point tho in this dicussion is that contrary to traditions of men, Good Friday is not when He was crucified... no more than December 25th was when He was born.

Just trying to get people to think (tho most here have already figured this out) instead of just accepting tradition as truth.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2008/3/19 13:46

And it is an excellent thread, but i think Phil's question is an important one, and i would like to hear the answer too!

Oh and i reckon the elephants slept in the centre of the ark (their weight on one side or the other would have sunk it!) :-)

Re: - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/19 14:10

This is interesting.A few months ago,in my journal I did the same thing..days and nights,equally them up etc. but I began this thinking the Passover began on sundown on friday..because I have always thought the sabbath was on saturday.W hat contributed to this was a devout Jewish scholar/philosopher named Adam, a neighbor on an adjoining farm in Maui, who would come to discuss the things of God with me and unfailingly invite me to the sabbath meal celebration every fri day before sundown. Jesus being the Passover Lamb I thought was slain before this celebration...3 oclock? but then it b ecame dark immediately..as though the sun had gone down early.

Just yesterday I was thinking of this very thing..of when I sat working it out in my notebook,counting of the days which brought us past sunday..but this time I felt as if the Holy Spirit was bringing it up to show me how legalistic a phase I'd been caught in,I'd become stiff and rigid in some ways trying to relate with some very legalistic folks else where..trying to conform more to their ways of percieving so they might accept me as of the beloved..this has been broken off me lately,Hal lelujah! So here I am remembering this trying to prove that sunday wasn't the actual day..I don't know how to descibe what went through me except to say that I laughed at myself a bit..and I felt it wasn't so important after all. However, today I am reading this and I am wondering if God isn't interested in us looking into this..what exactly are You saying Lord?

When I went away from the computer to pray about if I could join in on the conversation or not..I realized that I now felt confused and remembered something else..I couldn't help smiling abit at the memory of this,and felt led to share it with y'all.

Adam had come to talk and I had previously felt God asking me to play and sing him a song I'd written yrs earlier..that told of waiting upon the Lord..tarrying in His presence before the sun rose..which I referred to as daybreak lighting the sky..after I was finished...Adam ,ever the practical scholar, corrected me to say that the jewish daybreak is at sundown not sunrise..all the wind went out of my sails..visibly..He apologized seeing how his statement had affected me..but I told him I was glad to know the information..my attachment to this expression of love,committed trust and obedience,my expression was perhaps not such a healthy attachment for me to have..if a simple correction could so obviously deflate me..I'd of had to have been inflated with pride over the writing of it to be deflated at the criticism of it..aha! I was grateful for the knowing,and grateful for the exposing of a hidden spot of pride.

I am a jew but my grandmother hid this fact from even my mother who was born between the two wars. They fled from Holland only to wind up in a Japanese prison of war camp in Indonesia during WWII.Our jewish heritage didn't come to light until I was a young adult, although my father says he always knew for certain that my mother was a jew before she did..I can recall how he used to say..'my little jewess',affectionately to her. I often feel pretty stupid when it comes to knowing much about jewish tradition and such,even though I have gained alot from reading the OT in bible studies and on my own,I never felt led to adopt for myself a strong attachment or adherence to Jewish religious ceremony etc.when I saw h

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ow annoyed the Father was with it all so often..how it was a shadow only of all that is in Jesus.But even if Adam knew more about the things that were his forte..I knew Jesus..for real! So what I had to offer next was the most valuable piece of information he would ever receive..should he receive it.

Humbled and grateful,I went on to tell Adam of a song I knew was pure..the greatest song I'd ever heard thus far. I told him about the time when I was surrounded by a large band of angels as I was about to awaken one morn, when I was 20, who were singing a simple but glorious song hailing Jesus' Kingship, Glory and Deity..two verses..with a decidedly jewish style and melody to it..I'd awakened and sat up in bed and they were all still there singing the second verse! Adam seriously pondered that one ,after hearing me play it, without further comment.

So in just going with the flow I was tickled by this post because I thought..hey,this is pretty interesting..maybe we will come to some real understanding of what day is what and when,etc. However I'm still not sure about the why this is so important.But I'm staying open to see where it goes.Have Your way here, Father!

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/3/19 14:43

dear here4Him,

i used to believe that Jesus was crucified on wednesday as well because of the verse in matthew about jonah's sign (3 days and 3 nights). but i failed to see that anytime in 1 day constituted the whole day so for me Christ was crucified on friday (preparation day) at 3pm (darkness from 6th hour-noon to 9th hour-3pm). so friday was 1 night and 1 day. saturday was 1 night and 1 day and sunday before dawn is 1 night and 1 day.

3 days and 3 nights with Him rising on the third day like the many scriptures show. (sometime between saturday night and sunday morning- the 3rd day).

if Jesus was crucified on wednesday at 3pm, then you have 5 nights and 5 days, because any part of one day was considered the whole night and day. then you have wednesday, thursday, friday, saturday, and sunday.

that's just a little why i personally believe according to scripture He was crucified on friday at the 9th hour(3pm) and raised sunday before dawn(6am).

nevertheless, it's not hugely important, but it is good to have an idea and why you believe so ya know??

and by the way, the elephants didn't sleep in the ark, they interceded for the other animals ;-)

just a joke,
phil

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 15:14

Wednesday, Thursday morning... who cares? I just wanted to make the point that man's traditions are not always the truth. I should've known we'd nit-pick this to death.

Krispy

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late! - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2008/3/19 15:20

Thanks Krispy for posting this. This is a conclusion I came to a couple years ago thanks to a question my former Pastor asked me. I think it is a great topic. I kind of get confused about the day, night thing and the dates, but the point is, what Jesus said was true! :)

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Re:, on: 2008/3/19 16:23

How does the fact that the 14th of Nisan in 33AD was on a Friday figure in?
<http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/index.html?year=33&country=34>

This is an interesting discussion (one that seems to come up each year here. :-)). But what bothers me is how disconnected 'Easter' is from Passover now. We Christians celebrate 'Easter' (I put it in quotations because the root word is Pascha which is passover) on March 23, 2008, but Passover isn't until April 19th (the 14th of Nisan on the Jewish calendar).

Does that bother anyone else? I've done (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Easter#Easter_controversy) some research into the controversy of this topic that was in the early church and how the Council of Nicea determined that the Bishop of Alexandria would determine the date of Easter in accordance to these rules:

that Easter must be celebrated by all throughout the world on the same Sunday;

that this Sunday must follow the fourteenth day of the paschal moon;

that the moon was to be accounted the paschal moon whose fourteenth day followed the vernal equinox;

that some provision should be made, probably by the Church of Alexandria as best skilled in astronomical calculations, for determining the proper date of Easter and communicating it to the rest of the world.

If we don't follow the Jewish calendar are we really celebrating 'Easter' at the same time that Jesus arose from the dead? Or are we just following church traditions? I don't understand the calendar system well enough to comprehend all this. Could someone help me out?

:o

And shouldn't every Sunday be a celebration of His resurrection?;-) Hallelujah! JESUS is risen! :-D

Re:, on: 2008/3/19 16:42

Hey y'all... if I seem a bit abrupt on this thread, I do apologize. Haven't been feeling well this week. That's no excuse though or being short w/ folks.

Forgive me, please.

Krispy

Re: - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/19 17:46

We love you

Krispy and are remembering why you might be a little out of sorts..prayers going forth for your recovery! I thought it was an interesting..and fun subject to discuss. Thanks for posting it.

Re: - posted by poet (), on: 2008/3/19 19:18

I'll have to make a phone call because you guys got me curious.

I was at a bible study at a church I used to go to for a short time and he gave out a Jewish perpetual calendar. and it showed when the feasts and things would fall during the time of Christ and we talked about Easter and discovered that Jesus was probably crucified on a Wednesday.

Now I'm gonna have to check.

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Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2008/3/20 9:53

Ok, now I'm more confused than ever!

It is an interesting point that Ronyia made. We obviously following the pagan date of celebration rather than the Jewish time which was Passover. And Passover is the same time each year or is it not?

I had heard teaching before that Christ our Passover lamb was sacrificed on the day of Passover at the time the Passover lambs were sacrificed, which is nice if it's right isn't it. Would that have been the Thursday or the Friday though? And I'm still confused about the three nights and three days and our Lord rising on the third day and how it all works. But I am interested to find out, and I do thank you Krispy for starting this thread. Whether we get to the bottom of the details or not (and I would like to), I'm sure glad He rose!

Re:, on: 2008/3/20 10:02

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Yea, I'm having that procedure done this afternoon. I'm not bothered by that, it's this dog gone cold I have. Starting to perk up a little today tho... and I'll be on pain killers for the next day or so, so I won't care a hoot about this cold in a few hours! lol

Krispy

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/3/20 10:28

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Krispy

That leads me back to my original statement then. If a Jewish Day begins at 6:00pm-and the "first day of the week" is Sunday, well technically it would still be Saturday EVENING OUR time that Jesus would have been risen that we need to begin observing our celebration.

What I mean is, this, this Sunday all over the US people will be celebrating "Easter" or "resurrection Sunday"...but the truth is, if we want to really observe it as the Jews did, then we need to observe our "Saturday EVENING" (which is their Sunday morning, INSTEAD of our Sunday morning)

Do you understand what I mean?

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!, on: 2008/3/20 11:28

Hi all,

Roniya quoted

Quote:

-----that the moon was to be accounted the paschal moon whose fourteenth day followed the vernal equinox;

Glad you brought that point to the fore. According to Katy-did, the Ark came to rest on 17th Nisan, the same day Jesus rose from the dead.

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregorian_calendar#Difference_between_Gregorian_and_Julian_calendar_dates) wikipedia on days lost between Gregorian and Julian calendars

Looking at a modern Hebrew calendar, it is clear that the connection between the moons has been lost, in that some months are 30 days long. Also, there is one called Tamuz, which cannot be its original name.

(<http://www.hebcal.com/hebcal/?year0001&v1&monthx&ytG&nhon&son&ioff&vison&Don&don&seton&coff&geozip&zip&m0&.cgifieldsnx&.cgifieldsnh&.sGet+Calendar>) Hebrew calendar set for year 0001

I've always wanted to understand the Hebrew calendar better, because I knew there was something about an extra year every so often. Here's wikipedia again.

'The principles of the Hebrew calendar are found in the Torah, which contains several calendar-related commandments, including God's commandment during the Exodus from Egypt to fix the month of Nisan as the first month of the year. The Babylonian exile in the 6th century BCE influenced the calendar, which included the adoption of Babylonian names for the months.'

Before the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, the calendar was observational, with the beginning of each month determined by the testimony of witnesses who had observed a new crescent moon. Between 70 and 1178 CE a rule-based fixed-arithmetic lunisolar calendar system was adopted to achieve the same effect. The principles and rules of the current calendar were fully described by Maimonides in 1178 CE in the Mishneh Torah.

Because of the roughly eleven-day difference between twelve lunar months and one solar year, the year lengths of the Hebrew calendar vary in a repeating 19-year Metonic cycle of 235 lunar months, with an intercalary lunar month added every two or three years, for a total of 7 times per 19 years. Seasonal references in the Hebrew calendar reflect its development in the region east of the Mediterranean Sea and the times and climate of the Northern Hemisphere. With respect to the present-day mean solar year, the Hebrew calendar's year is longer by about 6 minutes and 25+25/57 seconds, meaning that every 224 years, the Hebrew calendar will fall a full day behind the modern fixed solar year, and about every 231 years it will fall a full day behind the Gregorian calendar year. This is due to the 0.6 second discrepancy between the calendric "Molad" (lunar conjunction interval), which is fixed by Jewish Law, and the actual mean lunar conjunction interval, which itself is slowly changing over time.'

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hebrew_calendar) Hebrew Calendar (wiki)

The other thing to remember about the year in which Jesus was crucified, is that it was a **Jubilee Year**, that is, a 50th year after 7 sets of seven years, on the seventh of each set being the year in which slaves would go free if they wanted to, or have their ear pierced against the doorpost, to signify 'I love (I love) my Master, I will not go out free', (which is the subject line of a challenging hymn, now).

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Thus, the fiftieth year was particularly significant as a double-portion of freedom, and because it was an extra year off work, when the fields were not cultivated (I believe), people ate off 'the fat of the land'.

Hereby, we see how the spiritual picture had been established in Jewish culture. Jesus was seen after His resurrection for forty days, and Pentecost was on the fiftieth day (I believe).

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Going back to His death: if it is reckoned to have been a Wednesday, then He was laid in His tomb on Thursday*; Friday was the first day (after His burial), in the tomb; Saturday was the second day in the tomb; the third day when He arose, was Sunday.

If you think about this based on John's account, it is clear some hours must have passed between Him being on the cross, and finally laid* in His tomb. (It is a wonderful picture - Him being laid to rest in Joseph's tomb - as it were, taking the place of a natural man in his own death.)

John 19

35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, 'A bone of him shall not be broken'.

37 And again another scripture saith, 'They shall look on him whom they pierced'.

38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

I believe it must have been Thursday, by now; ie after 6pm on Wednesday.

Another thought is: this service by Joseph and Nicodemus, to prepare Jesus' body for burial, would have made them both ceremonially unclean, and subject to certain ritual cleansing, before being able to join the feasting (although this is not mentioned). Interesting comparason with Jesus first miracle, when He changed water for washing *people* (outwardly), into wine, the symbol of His blood, shed for our inward cleansing.

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Beloved brothers and sisters, I've just noticed something I cannot remember ever having heard preached upon. Look at this, please:

Genesis 8

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD;
and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl,
and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour;
and the LORD said in his heart,

I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake;

for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth;

neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall I not cease.

Okay.... so what I hadn't noticed, is that the flood did away with the curse on the earth which God had said to Adam.

The flood did not do away with the death which passed upon all men through Adam, but it *did* do away with the curse on the earth.

This makes more sense of John's baptism unto repentance than I have ever seen before, as a standalone spiritual transaction between God and man.

(We know the disciples baptised in the name of Jesus, also for repentance, but the separation between repentance as man's recognition of his sinfulness, and the remaining need for a sacrifice for sin, is clearly made by this word from God to Noah. The fact that God wiped out every living thing which was not in the Ark (foreshadowing Jesus Christ Himself), underlines the picture in baptism *after* Jesus death and resurrection for the signifying of our identification with His death in its spiritual significance, although we retain our natural life, and still have to overcome it in the power of the Spirit.)

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BlazedbyGod said

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I understand what you're suggesting, but let me put this from Genesis to you, to illustrate why Sunday morning is fine for celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Genesis 1:5

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And the evening and the morning were the first day.

In other words, the picture of how a day is constituted, is, it *begins*, in an attitude of rest.

Thus, even if Jesus was alive as early as sundown on Saturday, it would have been totally in order for Him to begin with a rest - perhaps a sleep - before He began to think about 'rising'.

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Here is a different use of the word 'day'.

Mark 1:35

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Here is another possibility: that having risen within the tomb, He prepared Himself through a time of fellowship with His Father, but could not leave until the angels came to roll away the stone, perhaps at His own invitation.

Re:, on: 2008/3/20 12:08

Quote:

-----If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!

Close Enough! 8-)

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/3/20 12:16

there are a couple of things i was thinking about when looking at this stuff..

like john 19:31. it says that it was preparation day because the next sabbath was a high day. high day means that the sabbath and first day of a feast land on the same day right?? so what i don't understand is if Jesus was crucified on either wednesday or thursday at 6pm, then wouldn't friday be the first day of the feast and saturday be the 2nd day of the feast and the sabbath. but then it wouldn't be a high day as john said. that only makes sense in the thinking of Jesus dying on friday at the 9th hour (3pm) and the next day being both the sabbath and the first day of a feast day.

do you see what i mean? and how do you guys understand all those verses i listed on pg 2 of this thread that said that He will rise **on the third day**. if He died wednesday or thursday and rose after 6 pm saturday, then He did not rise on the third day, but after the third full day.

not trying to prove a point, just trying to let you know what's going on in my mind when looking at this stuff..

hope it gives us something to think about. ;-)

phil

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!, on: 2008/3/20 12:54

Hi LoveHim,

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If you check out Leviticus 23, and possibly some other chapters where sabbaths are set by the Lord, you'll find they aren't only on the seventh day and 'sabbaths' isn't referring only to Saturdays.

What is more important in the keeping of Passover, is that it began on 14th Nisan. Now, there were sacrifices made every day, but Passover is the day of Atonement. That's why the thick temple veil being torn from above could not have been missed by those ministering (on whichever day was Atonement).

The day of the week, then, was not nearly as important as the day of the month. (Link to Hebrew calendar in a previous post, p3 this thread.)

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(Edited.)

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thanks for that. yeah, i will definitely check that out..

to be quite honest, i would desire that it not be on the saturday for chronological reasons, but i want truth more than my own opinion or desires..

anyways, thanks.

phil

ps. what do you do with all the verses i listed on pg 2 about Him rising "on the third day"? just curious.

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!, on: 2008/3/20 17:27

Hi phil,

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I agree with you. But, looking at what I said on p3

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-----Going back to His death: if it is reckoned to have been a Wednesday, then He was laid in His tomb on Thursday*; Friday was the first day (after His burial), in the tomb; Saturday was the second day in the tomb; **the third day when He arose, was Sunday.**

while believing that whichever day He was crucified, He rose on the third day, I see that to fit His resurrection into 17th Nisan, 14th Nisan has to be counted as the day of His death, with 15th and 16th as the first two days in the tomb, and 17th as the day of resurrection.

Definitely, I fully accept that He rose on the third day. By then though, He had also been dead for three days by Hebrew reckoning, since dying in the last three hours of 14th, would be counted as if He had died 20 hours earlier just the same. The third day after His death was really the fourth, if you include the day of His death.

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

(I wonder if the days and nights are really in that order in the Greek?)

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiss () , on: 2008/3/20 23:35

Hello...

I haven't read through all of the posts in this thread, but have you considered the following passage?

Quote:

Luke 23:50-56

50 And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52 This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

54 **And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.**

55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

John 19:31

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Verse 54 of Luke chapter 23 indicates that Joseph took the body of Christ and prepared him on, well, *Preparation Day*. They apparently wanted to hurry because "the Sabbath drew on." Now, we know that the Sabbath begins on what we would consider Friday evening at 6 P.M. (because "the evening and the morning were the first day"). This would, on the surface, indicate that Christ was crucified on Friday before 6 P.M.

However, there is an argument that the Friday was considered a "special Sabbath." This would give weight to the argument that our Lord was crucified on Thursday.

Correct me if I am wrong, but isn't *Preparation Day* the day spent preparing for the evening Passover? We've long held that Jesus was the actual Passover Lamb. If this is true, then Jesus also celebrated the Passover on what we would call Thursday evening (which is Friday to Jews). He was then killed during the day on Friday (still Friday to the Jews). He would then have to be buried before 6 P.M. (or the Sabbath evening to the Jews). A Jewish Sunday begins at 6 P.M. on the Gentile Saturday evening. According to Scripture, Jesus rose early in the morning following the Sabbath.

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Unfortunately, this would seem to have been impossible according to such an interpretation—regardless of whether Jesus died on a Thursday or Friday. Jesus was buried during the day, and he rose during the day. This would seem to indicate that he spent one more day than night. However, if we can reason that Jesus resurrected before "day" (Sunday at 6 A.M.), then we can assume that he spent 3 days AND 3 nights only if he was crucified on Thursday (with Friday being a "special Sabbath").

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:-)

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Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2008/3/21 2:40

Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him, I am good to go with just this, the dates, days and times He did this, does it really matter? We should be celebrating this everyday, Monday through Sunday of each week.

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/3/21 8:32

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My response:

On the 14th day of Nisan the blood of the sacrifice lamb is shed. The blood on the door brings salvation as the death angel passes overhead. It is the eve of the Passover and in the the Exodus that follows God's covenant people are delivered from the bondage of Egypt.

On the 14th day of Nisan in 32 A.D., on the eve of Passover (the 9th hour, or 3:00 P.M. at the time of the evening Sacrifice). The blood of the promised Sacrifice Lamb is shed. This is the redemption God has provided. It brings salvation to His covenant people, delivering them from the bondage of sin and death.

THE MEANING OF PASSOVER

Salvation comes by the blood of the Sacrifice Lamb !

After the Passover lambs were slain at "even". The Feast of Unleavened Bread began at sunset. All leaven, a type of sin, was removed from the houses and the unleavened bread was eaten throughout the seven days of the feast.

On the 14th day of Nisan Jesus was buried shortly after the 9th hour (3:00 P.M.). He was the sinless unleavened 'Bread of Heaven' offered as the perfect sacrifice. Thus He fulfilled the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

The unleavened "Bread of Heaven" is the sinless and accepted sacrifice.

Leviticus 23

1. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.
3. Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.
4. These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.
5. In the **fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover.**
6. And on the **fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread** unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.
7. **In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.**
8. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

What we see above refers to the days of the original Passover, and how the Lord's Celebration of these events were to take place. The Fifteenth day, of the first month is the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened bread. This day is a special day, that is to be celebrated as a day of Holy Convocation. This is referred to as a High Sabbath day, and is considered a Sabbath day, even though it occurs on other days (other than Saturday).

In the Gospels, other than John's, this day is referred to as a Sabbath. In John's Gospel, he tells us that it is a "High Day":

John 19:31. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week, which is Sunday. The Jewish day begins at 6:00 P.M. and continues until the next day at 6:00 P.M. So Sunday started at 6:00 P.M. on (our) Saturday, and ended at 6:00 P.M. on (their) Sunday. When the women came to the tomb on Sunday morning, at dawn, Jesus had already risen:

Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-9; John 20.

In summary, Jesus was crucified on the 14th day of the month at 9:00 A.M. (The time of the Morning Sacrifice). He died on the cross at 3:00 P.M.(the time of the Evening Sacrifice).

The 15th day of the month (Friday)was the Feast of Unleavened Bread, that was celebrated as a High Holy Day, or a Sabbath day. This is the day that John refers to above in John 19:31.

The 16th is a Saturday, which is their normal Sabbath day.

The 17th is Sunday, or the first day of the week. Scripture tells us that Jesus rose from the dead on the "first day of the week".

Jesus was placed into the tomb before the end of the Jewish day of the 14th (he had to be placed in the tomb before the High Day) the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread that started at 6:00 P.M. on the 14th.

Time in the tomb- at least one to two hours on the day of the 14th.

All night and all day of the 15th

All night and all day of the 16th

All night of the 17th.

In our eyes it appears that Jesus was in the tomb for only two full days, Two full nights and only two-3 hours of the first day (14th). However Jews to this day do not measure their days and nights in hours like we do. If you were to spend several hours with some Jewish guests from Israel today, they would consider that they had spent the entire day with you. They have a different concept of time than we do, and they always have.

In the Jewish concept of time, Jesus did spend three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, even though by our standards he misses 9 to 10 hours of one day to qualify for this event.

Sincerely,

Walter

Re: - posted by Here4Him (), on: 2008/3/24 7:25

Thanks Walter, that was brilliant, really helpful!

So does that explain how it can be said that Jesus was in the tomb for 3 days and 3 nights and how He rose on the third day?

George

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late! - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2008/3/27 12:14

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There's a difference between the way Western and Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter/Pascha.

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For the west, it's the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

For the east, it's the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox AFTER Passover.

The dates have been close the last couple of years - last year western Easter and Eastern Pascha were the same day. And this is why Passover has fallen at about the same time as Easter. This year, it's alot later.

Katy

Added:

Some believe it was anti-Semitism which was responsible for the Christian church's adoption of Easter over the Passover which has Old Testament (Jewish) roots. A brutal and vicious persecution against the Jews had started from early under Emperor Hadrian who outlawed Jewish practices and customs."

Hadrian was not a Christian so his persecution of Jews cannot be laid at the door of the church. Also, the relations between Christians and Jews in the early centuries of the church is not as it has often been depicted. It was much worse later

Emperor Hadrian marked the beginning of the move away from keeping with the Jewish calendar, completed by Constantine making Rome Christian in 313 AD or 325??? which was then codified at the Council of Nicaea.

Re:, on: 2008/3/27 13:00

MSeaman, here is another question. Did the early Church actually celebrate Easter or did they celebrate Pentecost? Paul is speaking here and we know the Day of Pentecost Paul then Saul was not even saved. Also Pentecost was 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Anyone know this?

Acts 20:16

For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hastened, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

Katy

Re: - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2008/3/27 14:59

Katy,
I'd have to do more research, but I think that the early church (like after Christ's resurrection) celebrated Pentecost. It is a separate Jewish feast, I think. I don't believe that the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit promise falling on another Jewish feast time is a coincidence. Let me look it up and then post again.

edited to add Pentecost information:

1.) Pentecost is derived from the Greek name for Shavuot, one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals required in the Law of Moses. It is described mainly in Leviticus 23:5-21 and Deuteronomy 16:8-10. As in Leviticus the Pesah (Passover) begins "in the fourteenth day of the first month (14 Aviv) at even", and the next day begins "the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord" which lasts for seven days (servile work being prohibited). This celebration also marks the beginning of harvest activities (in a Mediterranean climate), therefore "a sheaf of the firstfruits" of the harvest will be waved by the priest before Yahweh "on the morrow after the sabbath". Then, verses 15 and 16 state:

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:/ Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbaths shall ye number fifty days (Hebrew: hamishshim yom; Greek: πεντήκοντα

ἡμέρας, pentekonta hemeras) and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

2.) Name given by the Greek-speaking Jews to the festival which occurred fifty days (ἡπεντηκόστη, sc. ἡΜέρα = "Ḥag Ḥamishshim Yom"; comp. Lev. xxiii. 16) after the offering of the barley sheaf during the Passover feast (Tobit ii. 1; II Macc. xii. 32; Josephus, "Ant." iii. 10, Å§ 6; I Cor. xvi. 8; Philo, "De Septenario," Å§21). The Feast of the Fiftieth Day has been a many-sided one (comp. Book of Jubilees, vi. 21: "This feast is twofold and of a double nature"), and as a consequence has been called by many names. In the Old Testament it is called the "Feast of Harvest" ("Ḥag ha-Ḳaẓir"; Ex. xxiii. 16) and the "Feast of Weeks" ("Ḥag Shabu'ot"; ib. xxxiv. 22; Deut. xvi. 10; II Chron. viii. 13; Aramaic, "Ḥagga di-Shebu'aya," Men. 65a; Greek, έορτὴ έΒδοΜάδων), also the "Day of the First-Fruits" ("Yom ha-Bikkurim"; Num. xxviii. 26; ήΜέρα τῶννεῶν, LXX.). In the later literature it was called also the "closing festival" ("aẓeret"; Ḥag. ii. 4; Aramaic, "aẓarta"; Pes. 42b; Greek, ἄσαρθα Josephus, l.c.). It is called, too, the "closing season of the Passover" ("aẓeret shel Pesaḥ"; Pesiḳ. xxx. 193) to distinguish it from the seventh day of Passover and from the closing day of the Feast of Tabernacles, i.e., the end of the fruit harvest (Lev. xxiii. 36; Num. xxix. 35; Deut. xvi. 8).

3.) Christians understand Pentecost as a powerful feast of the salvation, because it speaks about the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, about the founding of the Church, and about the Final Judgement. Pentecost can be seen parallel to Shavout, As Easter is to Passover. On Passover, the Jews were delivered from slavery in Egypt; On Easter, mankind was delivered from slavery to sin. On Shavout the Children of Israel received the Law; On Pentecost, the Church received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Some basic numerology will enlighten us more: hamishshim yom is day 7Â²+1. 7Â² points to the Creation after eschaton, i.e. the "new heaven" and the "new earth" from Revelation 21:1; while the +1 shows Who is involved in the process: Yahweh, the Lord of the covenant (the mÃ»IÃ¸, Jewish circumcision, which is "a token of the covenant", must be done on the 7+1 day from birth), in Jewish mentality; Yahweh, the Lord of the covenant, through Jesus resurrected (the Resurrection took place in the 7+1 day of the week), in Christian mentality.

The events experienced by the Apostles in Jerusalem during khag shavuot were understood by the Apostles as the sending of the Holy Ghost, which had been promised by Jesus (John 14:26):

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Re:, on: 2008/3/28 0:00

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George

My Response:

Yes, George, that is how Christ fulfilled the prophecy, that He gave of Himself, in Matthew 12:40-41 (**most Christians to day doubt that He actually fulfilled this prophecy**) :

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three night s in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: becaus e they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

One of our problems that we have, as well as Bible Scholars and Textual Critics, is no understanding of the idioms and the customs of the Ancient Jews, nor the way that they kept time, nor to their understanding of time itself. We (us, as well as the "experts" mentioned above) also have no understanding of the Feasts of the Lord, the High Sabbath Days, and all of the special requirements and restrictions that God commanded for these "special" days, found throughout His Old Testament (Old Covenant) Word.

Once we understand these things, then the Words of the Old Testament Bible and our New Testament come alive with new meaning and understanding. It also increases our faith, and we see Christ for who He really is-----God Almighty, Immanuel, Jehovah, The Angel of the Lord, Alpha & Omega, King of Kings, Author of the Faith, Friend of Sinners, Son of Man, The Seed of the woman---who has earned our worship, and our praise, and our devotion, forever.

We can also "see" Christ throughout the Old Testament. Remember when Christ appeared to the two men on their way to Emmaus, and how He witnessed to them of Himself using the **Old Testament only? The New Testament had not even been written yet!**

Luke 24:13-34

13. And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. 17. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? 18. And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? 19. And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: 20. And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. 21. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. 22. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; 23. And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. 24. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. 25. **Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself** 28. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. 29. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. 30. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. 31. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 32. **And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?** 33. And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34. Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

We should all have that same kind of understanding and mastery of the Old Testament.

Truly, the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, and the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

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Re:, on: 2008/3/28 23:10

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Hello, George.

I thought that I would respond further to your remarks. The Jews have an entirely different understanding of time. I would like to add clarification, directly from the Bible, to illustrate this point.

How the Jews reckoned time.

The first day of the Week, Sunday, actually started on Saturday night at 6:00 P.M. and continued through till 6:00 P.M. Sunday. The rest of the days followed suit (i.e. Monday started off where Sunday left off- Monday started on Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M. and ended Monday evening at 6:00 P.M.), etc. etc. etc. The evenings were set up in "watches" that I won't go into here.

Also, they practiced morning and evening sacrifices on each and every day of the week. The morning sacrifice was at the 3rd hour (9:00 A.M.) and the evening sacrifice was at 3:00 P.M., the 9th hour. Of note, Christ was crucified on the cross at the 3rd hour (9:00 A.M.) and gave up the ghost at the 9th hour (3:00 P.M.).

Any part of a day to the Jews was considered to be the entire day. If a Jew received a guest at the 9th hour, and they went home at the 10th hour, they considered that to be the entire day.

For more understanding of the Jewish reckoning of days, go to Acts 10:8-33. This is a detailed read, but very fruitful. In Acts 10:30 CORNELIUS EXPLAINS THAT 4 DAYS AGO he had been fasting.

Lets say that this was a Tuesday (just to clarify the example for counting days) and Cornelius gets an answer to prayer at the 9th hour (3:00 P.M.). He is visited by an Angel who instructs him what to do. He immediately sends 3 men to Joptha to bring Peter back. The men left immediately at this time

(about 3:00 P.M. or shortly after).

They rested that night, which was the first half of Wednesday (Jewish time-day starts at 6:00 P.M.).

Wednesday A.M. they continue on their journey and arrive about noon, and spend the rest of the day with Peter.

Wednesday night, which is the beginning of Thursday to the Jews (6 P.M. Wednesday to us) they spent the night with Peter at Joptha.

Thursday A.M. leave for Caesarea.

Thursday night, which is the beginning of Friday to the Jews they spent the night on the road.

Friday A.M. they arrive in Caesarea.

CORNELIUS COUNTS THIS ENTIRE TIME AS FOUR(4)DAYS. However, with our western minds, with our own concept of time, we see this as only being 3 1/2 days or maybe a little less, depending upon which hour they actually arrived at Caesarea. In any event, the time to the Hebrew was considered 4 days.

Sincerely,

Walter

Re: - posted by PCB, on: 2008/3/29 16:11

A good treatment of the subject can be found here, although it concludes that the crucifixion was most likely the Thursday, rather than the Wednesday, as I think most likely.
(<http://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/crux.html>) blb

Peter

Re: - posted by bereangirl, on: 2008/3/30 11:58

Hi everybody,

I just want to add this to the thread. About a year ago I dug through this issue and concluded it was a Thursday as the Day of Preparation was when Jesus was crucified based on the information I found. The high holy sabbath was the Passover Sabbath on Thursday evening.

I found this website explained things rather well and also brought out that the 2nd day of the Feast of Unleavened bread is the Feast of Firstfruits and that was when Jesus rose from the dead. I was amazed at God's precision when I saw this for the first time. They have nice chart that shows the chronology of events.

http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Spring_Holidays/First_Fruits/first_fruits.html

Someone commented on the thread asking if anyone else is bothered by the difference between our tradition and fact. I say a hearty yes to that. This last Good Friday for me brought me to tears (besides the right reason it should bring me to tears). It hit me that here we are celebrating the most important event to occur in human history and we give it the name of a pagan goddess and get the day wrong.

Personally, I'm not sure what to do about this as it appears that all churches go with Good Friday and don't seem to blink that it doesn't make 3 nights and 3 days. It bothers me that we are celebrating Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection with a mixture of truth and un-truth. I do take comfort in the fact that we can celebrate the Cross every day, not just at a certain date. Unless we have another reformation, it looks like we're stuck with this arrangement until Jesus returns.

So there I am.

Anybody in the mood for a reformation? :-)

Blessings,

Bereangirl

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/4/3 8:50

How about if you celebrated the resurrection on March 23, you were too early.....

Christ died, was buried, and resurrected according to the Jewish calendar and time of Passover, which is the week beginning April/Nissan 14 (Nissan 14, is our April 19 this year I believe) thus I would guess/suppose the true resurrection day of Christ would be "three days and three nights" AFTER Nissan 14. (Which is about Nisan 17/18, which is our April 22/23 this year.

Simply, March 23, 2008 on our calendar really has nothing to do with the Passover or resurrection of our Lovely Lord Jesus Christ-He is our Passover Lamb, shouldn't we think he would have literally died and resurrected during the real, literal Passover week according to the Jewish calendar and not ours.

This year, Passover is April 19-April 26

Just something to think about...

Re: If you celebrate Good Friday... You're too late!, on: 2008/4/3 16:10

bereangirl said

Quote:

-----I do take comfort in the fact that we can celebrate the Cross every day, not just at a certain date.

This is the point, isn't it? The reformation which is needed - the 'sabbath' which is needed - is the reformation of the heart, and eternal rest from sin - something we can celebrate every day - forever.

Remembering that Adam was forced to work because he sinned, it should be obvious that if we can cease from sin, we may also cease from 'work', (spiritually). The state of the heart of the inner man tells us whether we are... resting... or not.

:~)

Re:, on: 2008/4/3 17:04

My point in bringing this while topic up was not to be dogmatic about this... besides, who wants a robot that looks like a dog anyway?

My point was we just accept these man made traditions without thinking them thru.

Krispy

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/4/3 17:08

Quote:

-----My point was we just accept these man made traditions without thinking them thru.

And a good point to make at that.