

# Chronology of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection

3 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS (72 HOURS), PROVING JESUS CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH (*Matthew 12:38-40*)\*

## WEDNESDAY

Passover and Preparation Day

Abib/Nisan 14



Jesus eats last Passover meal with disciples  
Institutes bread and wine symbols  
*Matthew 26:26-28*

Jesus goes to garden and prays fervently  
*Matthew 26:36-46*

Jesus is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and arrested at Garden of Gethsemane  
*Mark 14:43-46*

Jesus is brought before high priest  
*Matthew 26:57*

Jesus' body is wrapped and entombed before sunset  
*John 19:39-42*

**BEGINNING OF MATTHEW 12:40 PROPHECY**

Jesus stands before Pilate  
Jesus condemned to death  
*Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26*

Crucifixion begins at 9 a.m.  
*Mark 15:25*

Jesus hangs on stake for six hours

Jesus dies at 3 p.m.  
*Matthew 27:46-50*

Joseph of Arimathea asks for Jesus' body  
*Matthew 27:57-59*

## THURSDAY

First Day of Unleavened Bread ("High Day")

Abib/Nisan 15



Jews observe their Passover (24 hours after Jesus did)

Chief priests and Pharisees have tomb guarded  
*Matthew 27:62-66*

NIGHT **1** DAY

## FRIDAY

Preparation Day for Weekly Sabbath

Abib/Nisan 16



Women buy additional spices for Jesus' body  
*Mark 16:1*

NIGHT **2** DAY

Women prepare spices, then stop to rest on weekly Sabbath  
*Luke 23:56*

## SATURDAY

Weekly Sabbath

Abib/Nisan 17



NIGHT **3** DAY

Jesus rises just before the sun sets (72 hours from burial before sunset on Wednesday)

**END OF MATTHEW 12:40 PROPHECY**

## SUNDAY

First Day of the Week

Abib/Nisan 18



Jesus is alive all night

Early Sunday morning:  
Jesus reveals Himself

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene  
*Mark 16:9*

Jesus ascends to heaven and is accepted by the Father  
*John 20:17*

Jesus appears to two disciples on road to Emmaus  
*Luke 24:13-27*

Early, before sunrise, while still dark, women come to tomb and find it empty  
*John 20:1*

Just before sunset, Jesus appears to disciples who were assembled  
*John 20:19*

\*A biblical day begins at sunset and lasts until the next sunset (*Genesis 1:5; Leviticus 23:32*)