

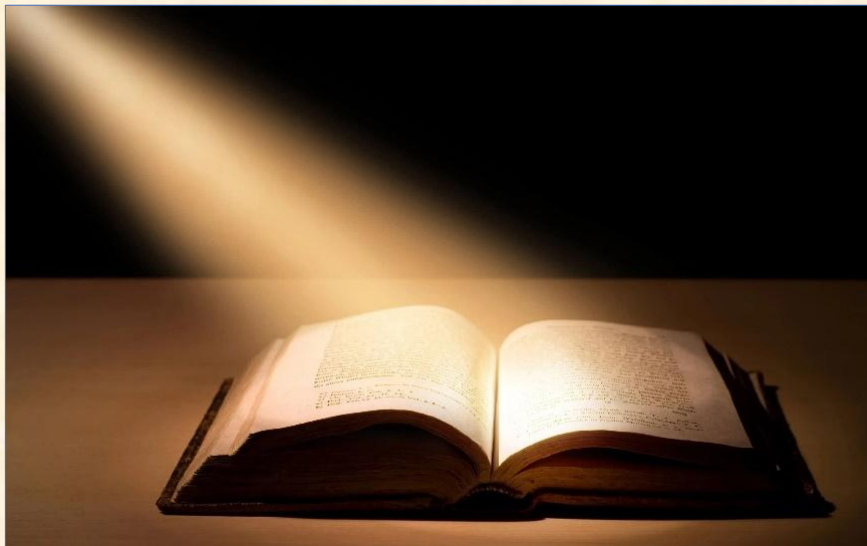
# *Passion Week Chronology*

## *- a possible Solution*

*The Passover of Jesus*  
*in the Gospels, correct dating.*

**FROM BETHANY TO EMMAUS :  
THE EVENTS DURING THE PASSION WEEK  
IN A HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

*Matthew - Mark - Luke - John*



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## A COMPLETE PASSION WEEK CHRONOLOGY

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div> <b>30AD</b>    <b>H3790</b> </div> <div> <b>PASSION WEEK 030 A.D.</b>  <i>by Marcel de Ray ©2024</i> </div> </div>								
Nº	Roman date	Hebrew date	Week day	Time of day	Event	Feast days Jesus	Feast days Pharisees	Biblical references remarks
						<i>original:</i>	<i>postponed:</i>	
1	31 March	08 Nisan	Friday	daylight	Jesus arrives in Bethany	↓	↓	John 12:1
2	31 March	09 Nisan	Friday	sunset	Sabbath meal with Lazarus	→ "6 days before PO"		John 12:2 ( <i>'PO': Passover</i> ) John 12:9
3	01 April	09 Nisan	Sabbath	daylight	Many Jews arrive from Jerusalem			
4	02 April	10 Nisan	Sunday	daylight	Glorious entry into Jerusalem	Palm Sunday		Mt.21:1-16; Jn.12:12-19
5	02 April	11 Nisan	Sunday	at night	Jesus withdraws to Bethany			Mt.21:17; Mk.11:11
6	03 April	11 Nisan	Monday	daylight	Jesus teaches in the Temple	Passion week		Mk.11:12-14 (fig tree)
7	03 April	12 Nisan	Monday	at night	Jesus withdraws to Bethany			Mt.21:17; Mk.11:19-20
8	04 April	12 Nisan	Tuesday	daylight	Jesus teaches in the Temple	Passion week		Mk.11:20,27; 12:35,41
9	04 April	13 Nisan	Tuesday	at night	Jesus withdraws to Bethany			Mt.24:3; Mk.13:1,3
10	05 April	13 Nisan	Wednesday	daylight	Jesus teaches in the Temple	Passion week		Mt.26:2; Mk.14:1; Lk.22:1
11	05 April	14 Nisan	Wednesday	at night	Jesus withdraws to Mount of Olives			Lk. 21:37-38
						<b>Unleavened Bread</b>		
						<i>original:</i>	<i>postponed:</i>	
12	06 April	14 Nisan	Thursday	daylight	Passover prepared Peter&John	↓	↓	Mk.14:12; Lk.22:7-13
13	06 April	15 Nisan	Thursday	at night	Passover with the disciples	1st day		all Gospels
14	07 April	15 Nisan	Friday	daylight	Trial, Crucifixion, Death, Burial	↓		
15	07 April	16 Nisan	Friday	at night	Passover of the Pharisees	PO-Sabbat	(14 Nisan)	all Gospels
16	08 April	16 Nisan	Saturday	daylight	Jesus rests on Great Sabbath	2nd day	1st day	John 18:28
17	08 April	17 Nisan	Saturday	at night	Women buy spices for next day	↓		
18	09 April	17 Nisan	Sunday	daylight	Jesus rises from the dead, dawn	2nd day	PO-Sabbat	all Gospels
19	09 April	18 Nisan	Sunday	at night	Jesus appears to Ten Apostles	3rd day	2nd day	Mk. 16:1
						4th day	3rd day	all Gospels
20	13 April	21 Nisan	Thursday	daylight	2nd Sabbath Unleavened Bread			John 20:19-23
21	13 April	22 Nisan	Thursday	at night	end of feast, original.	7th day	6th day	2nd sabbath original.
						END	7th day	
22	14 April	22 Nisan	Friday	daylight	Pharisee week continues..		7th day	Friday-postponement of the 2nd sabbath?
23	14 April	23 Nisan	Friday	at night	Friday: again a double sabbath..		↓	↓
24	15 April	23 Nisan	Saturday	daylight	extra day in Pharisee calendar.		8th day?	"21 Nisan" + 1 day for Pharisees, to avoid a double sabbath (Fri.+Sat.)
25	15 April	24 Nisan	Saturday	at night	end of feast, Pharisees.		END	
26	16 April	24 Nisan	Sunday	daylight	one week after Resurrection Sunday	↓		
27	16 April	25 Nisan	Sunday	at night	Jesus appears, Thomas present.	"8th day"		John 20:26
28	18 May	26 Iyar	Thursday	daylight	Ascension Thursday:	"40 days"		Acts 1:3
29	28 May	07 Sivan	Sunday	morning	Pentecost: Holy Spirit fills disciples;	"50th day"	"50th day"	Acts 2:1,41; Lev.23:15-16.
30	28 May	(06 Sivan)	Sunday	daylight	Peter testifies, "3,000 souls added".	↪ 7 Sivan	↪ 6 Sivan	Pharisee postponed date.

TABLE 3. CHRONOLOGY OF THE PASSION WEEK UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY – 31 MARCH UNTIL 28 MAY, 30AD. <sup>1</sup>

### "Three days and three nights" (Matthew 12:40; cf. 17:22–23)

The *'three days and three nights'* are not 3 x 24 hours. Obviously, Jesus spent not three, but two nights when in Hades, where Christ redeemed all souls who were waiting for His coming. Through His Sacrifice He has justified their souls too.

The 3 days can only be understood as an inclusive count, so typical for ancient Jewish dating: from ca.15h Friday until sunset at 18:20h = "day 1" (a portion of 15 Nisan); from Friday sunset until Saturday sunset = "day 2" (16 Nisan); from Sabbath sunset until the Resurrection on early Sunday morning = "day 3" (first part of 17 Nisan). This is a total of 39 hours = 3 x 13 hours. <sup>i</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (row 24) By the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, the Feast of Unleavened Bread was considered an 8–day feast, as Josephus reports:

"Whence it is that, in memory of the want we were then in, we keep a feast for eight days, which is called the Feast of Unleavened Bread." (Ant. Book II, 15.1) Written in ca. 95AD this statement by Josephus proves that the postponement of the Passover Sabbath in Friday–years had been accepted in the Jewish calendar at the end of the first century.

A timeline of the events on Passion Day, from midnight after Thursday April 6, until sunset Friday April 7, 30AD:

	THE PASSION OF JESUS	APRIL 7, 30AD	NEW TESTAMENT QUOTES
	<i>location: all events took place in Jerusalem.</i>	<i>(all estimates)</i>	<i>biblical foundation:</i>
1	Jesus and the Eleven leave the Upper Room:	after midnight	'having sung (a) hymn(s)' <sup>2</sup>
➤	<i>from the Upper Room to Mount Olives</i>	<sup>3</sup> after 00.00h	'rise up, let us go from here!' <sup>4</sup>
2	Jesus instructs His Apostles: John 15–17: <sup>5</sup>	00.00 – 01.00h	'they went out to Mount Olives' <sup>6</sup>
➤	<i>in the Garden of Gethsemane</i>	01.00 – 02.00h	'across the winter stream', 'garden' <sup>7</sup>
3	Jesus is captured and taken away:	after 02.00h	'vigil for 1 hour' <sup>8</sup> ; 'arrest Him' <sup>9</sup>
➤	<i>from Gethsemane to 'High Priests Palace'</i>	02.00 – 02.30h	'they led Him away' <sup>10</sup>
4	Interrogation by Annas, the older High Priest:	03.00 – 04.00h	'first to Annas' <sup>11</sup>
➤	<i>from 'House of Annas' to 'House of Caiaphas'</i>	e.g. 04.00h	'then Annas sent Him bound' <sup>58</sup>
5	Interrogation by Caiaphas, acting High Priest:	04.00 – 05.00h	'to Caiaphas' <sup>12</sup>
6	Peter's denial: once during (4), twice during (5): <sup>13</sup>	03.00 – 05.00h	'Peter denied again', 'rooster crowed'
➤	<i>from Caiaphas to 'Hall of Hewn Stones' (Temple)</i>	05.00 → 05.45h	'at dawn' <sup>14</sup> (05.45h/07.04.30AD) <sup>15</sup>
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11	Jesus' Crucifixion:	'about' 09.00h	= 'the third hour' <sup>23</sup>
➤	<i>on the Cross on Golgotha</i>		↳ (=07.50–08.53h)
12	Darkness all over the land:	12.00 – 15.00h	= 'the sixth hour' <sup>24</sup>
➤	<i>on the Cross on Golgotha</i>		↳ (=10.59–12.02h)
13	Jesus' Death:	about 15.00h	= 'the ninth hour' <sup>71</sup>
➤	<i>on the Cross on Golgotha</i>		↳ (=14.08–15.11h)
14	Jesus' Burial:	before 18.00h	= 'before sunset' <sup>25</sup>
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- <sup>10</sup> John 18:13a, "And they led Him away..." ; also in Matthew 26:57a, Mark 14:53a, Luke 22:54a.
- <sup>11</sup> John 18:13b-c, "to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year."
- <sup>12</sup> John 18:24, "Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest." cf. Matthew 26:57bc, Mark 14:53b, Luke 22:54bc.
- <sup>13</sup> John 18:27, "Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed." (cf.18:15-18/25-26). Mark 14:26-31/66-72. (c.s.) Peter denied knowing Jesus entering Annas' palace (18:17) and after 1 hour had passed (Lk.22:59), twice in Caiaphas' court (18:25+26).
- <sup>14</sup> Mark 15:1, "Immediately, in the morning". Also in Matthew 27:1, Luke 22:66.
- <sup>15</sup> Jerusalem 07/04/30: sunrise at 05.44h, Alcyone Ephemeris 4.3: {azimuth 82° 37' 40", altitude –0° 09' 44"}.
- <sup>16</sup> Mark 15:1, "after the leaders of the priests had taken counsel with the elders, and the scribes, and the entire Sanhedrin, binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate." Also in Matthew 27:2, Luke 23:1.
- <sup>17</sup> John 18:28, "Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning."
- <sup>18</sup> John 18:33, "Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to Him, 'Are You the King of the Jews?'"
- <sup>19</sup> Luke 23:6-7, "When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. And when he found out that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, *he sent Him to Herod*, who was also in Jerusalem in those days."
- <sup>20</sup> Luke 23:9, "Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing."
- <sup>21</sup> Luke 23:11, "Then Herod, [...] having mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate."
- <sup>22</sup> John 19:14, should be "*about 6<sup>th</sup> hour*"; → but Peter of Alexandria c.s. saw original Gospel in Ephesus: "*about the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour*".
- <sup>23</sup> Mark 15:25, "Now it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour, and they crucified Him." Jesus was ca. 6 hours on the cross (≠ 3 hours ≠ John 19:14b).
- <sup>24</sup> Mark 15:33, "And when the 6<sup>th</sup> hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land *until the 9<sup>th</sup> hour*." Also Matt.+ Luke.
- <sup>25</sup> Luke 23:54, "And it was the day of Preparation, *and the Sabbath was drawing near*." Pilate wondered He was already dead. Mk.15:44.
- <sup>26</sup> Jerusalem 07/04/30: sunset at 18.19h, Alcyone Ephemeris 4.3: {azimuth 277° 24' 03", altitude 0° 06' 42"}.



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- <sup>33</sup> Mark 14:37, "And he said to Peter: Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not able to be vigilant *for one hour?*" Matt.26:40.
- <sup>34</sup> John 18:12, "The detachment of soldiers and the captain and the attendants of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him." Matthew 26:47, "a great crowd with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people." Mark 14:43.
- <sup>35</sup> John 18:13a, "And they led Him away..." ; also in Matthew 26:57a, Mark 14:53a, Luke 22:54a.
- <sup>36</sup> John 18:13b-c, "to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year."
- <sup>37</sup> John 18:24, "Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest." cf. Matthew 26:57bc, Mark 14:53b, Luke 22:54bc.
- <sup>38</sup> John 18:27, "Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed." (cf.18:15-18/25-26). Mark 14:26-31/66-72. (c.s.) Peter denied knowing Jesus entering Annas' palace (18:17) and after 1 hour had passed (Lk.22:59), twice in Caiaphas' court (18:25+26).
- <sup>39</sup> Mark 15:1, "Immediately, in the morning". Also in Matthew 27:1, Luke 22:66.
- <sup>40</sup> Jerusalem 07/04/30: sunrise at 05.44h, Alcyone Ephemeris 4.3: {azimuth 82° 37' 40", altitude –0° 09' 44"}.
- <sup>41</sup> Mark 15:1, "after the leaders of the priests had taken counsel with the elders, and the scribes, and the entire Sanhedrin, binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate." Also in Matthew 27:2, Luke 23:1.
- <sup>42</sup> John 18:28, "Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning."
- <sup>43</sup> John 18:33, "Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to Him, 'Are You the King of the Jews?'"
- <sup>44</sup> Luke 23:6-7, "When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. And when he found out that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, *he sent Him to Herod*, who was also in Jerusalem in those days."
- <sup>45</sup> Luke 23:9, "Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing."
- <sup>46</sup> Luke 23:11, "Then Herod, [...] having mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate."
- <sup>47</sup> John 19:14, "it was about *the* (end of?) *6<sup>th</sup> hour*" (→Peter of Alexandria c.s. saw original Gospel in Ephesus; was he wrong?).
- <sup>48</sup> Mark 15:25, "it was *the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour* and they crucified Him." But if Jesus was 3 hours on the cross (≠ 6h), "it was *the 6<sup>th</sup> hour*".
- <sup>49</sup> Mark 15:33, "And when *the 6<sup>th</sup> hour* was come, there was darkness over the whole land *until the 9<sup>th</sup> hour*." Also Matt.+ Luke.
- <sup>50</sup> Luke 23:54, "And it was the day of Preparation, *and the Sabbath was drawing near*." Pilate wondered He was already dead. Mk.15:44.
- <sup>51</sup> Jerusalem 07/04/30: sunset at 18.19h, Alcyone Ephemeris 4.3: {azimuth 277° 24' 03", altitude 0° 06' 42"}.

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BACKCOVER



JESUS, THE PASCAL LAMB SACRIFICED BY GOD, CROWNED WITH THORNS, KING OF ISRAEL, SON OF MAN, SAVIOUR OF MANKIND, WORD OF THE FATHER, CO-CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE.