






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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Passover and Preparation Day	First Day of Unleavened Bread ("High Day")	Preparation Day for Weekly Sabbath	Weekly Sabbath	First Day of the Week
Abib/Nisan 14	Abib/Nisan 15	Abib/Nisan 16	Abib/Nisan 17	Abib/Nisan 18
 <p>Jesus eats last Passover meal with disciples Institutes bread and wine symbols <i>Matthew 26:26-28</i></p> <p>Jesus goes to garden and prays fervently <i>Matthew 26:36-46</i></p> <p>Jesus is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and arrested at Garden of Gethsemane <i>Mark 14:43-46</i></p> <p>Jesus is brought before high priest <i>Matthew 26:57</i></p> <p>Jesus' body is wrapped and entombed before sunset <i>John 19:39-42</i></p> <p>BEGINNING OF MATTHEW 12:40 PROPHECY</p>	 <p>Jesus stands before Pilate. Jesus condemned to death <i>Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26</i></p> <p>Crucifixion begins at 9 a.m. <i>Mark 15:25</i></p> <p>Jesus hangs on stake for six hours.</p> <p>Jesus dies at 3 p.m. <i>Matthew 27:46-50</i></p> <p>Joseph of Arimathea asks for Jesus' body <i>Matthew 27:57-59</i></p> <p>Chief priests and Pharisees have tomb guarded <i>Matthew 27:62-66</i></p> <p>NIGHT 1 DAY</p>	 <p>Women buy additional spices for Jesus' body <i>Mark 16:1</i></p> <p>Women prepare spices, then stop to rest on weekly Sabbath <i>Luke 23:56</i></p> <p>NIGHT 2 DAY</p>	 <p>Jesus is alive all night</p> <p>Early Sunday morning: JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF</p> <p>Appears to Mary Magdalene <i>Mark 16:9</i></p> <p>Ascends to heaven and is accepted by the Father <i>John 20:17</i></p> <p>Appears to two disciples on road to Emmaus <i>Luke 24:13-27</i></p> <p>Early, before sunrise, while still dark, women come to tomb and find it empty <i>John 20:1</i></p> <p>Jesus rises just before the sun sets (72 hours from burial before sunset on Wednesday).</p> <p>END OF MATTHEW 12:40 PROPHECY</p> <p>NIGHT 3 DAY</p>	 <p>Jesus is alive all night</p> <p>Early Sunday morning: JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF</p> <p>Appears to Mary Magdalene <i>Mark 16:9</i></p> <p>Ascends to heaven and is accepted by the Father <i>John 20:17</i></p> <p>Appears to two disciples on road to Emmaus <i>Luke 24:13-27</i></p> <p>Early, before sunrise, while still dark, women come to tomb and find it empty <i>John 20:1</i></p> <p>Just before sunset, Jesus appears to disciples who were assembled <i>John 20:19</i></p>

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