

**Do we care if Jesus was gone for ‘3 days & 3 nights’ or ‘3 nights & 3 days’? Maybe a conversation will just help us relive and revive ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’. Else, the Easter Bunny culture prevails.**

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**3 Nights & 3 Days: To defeat the power of darkness, in the earth.**

**Jonah 1:17. Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.**

**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.**

**Like the 6 literal days of Genesis 1, would it be illuminating and profitable to find 3 literal days? In my day, one literal day followed the next literal day.**

**There is a logical and practical explanation for 3 days and 3 nights: Friday is the 1<sup>st</sup> day, Saturday is the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Others have tried to find 3 literal days, maybe ignored the historical record, and even hoped to change history.**

**But, just using the Scripture record can we find 3 literal days? Like, looking at the Bible in context to find answers?**

**Jesus gave himself up on Thursday night for the mission to ‘defeat the power of darkness (Lu. 22:52 below)’ and it was completed by Sunday night when the disciples first saw Him. The day and night sequence is an issue, but was it “**And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.**” Or was it 2 fishes and 5 loaves?**

But then again, Matthew the Gospel writer and a Jew knew that the Jewish day began at sunset (6 pm), and yet non-Jews knew this as nighttime. I guess like Matthew 1 and those Missing Kings, Matthew, even under Inspiration, must have thought, is this right?

Anyway, all I may accomplish is that I can sleep in and sing the Hallelujah Chorus much later on Easter Sunday. At least, I have 3 whole days, as well as Maundy Thursday. And I can say ‘**The Lord is risen indeed**’ as the Apostles did, on Sunday Night, also. And I can rest assured that God’s Word is pretty reliable.



**Thursday - Night 1 = Luke 22:52. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? 53. When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. 54. Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house.**

**Friday - Day 1 = Luke 23:44. And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.**

**Friday - Night 2 = Luke 23:53.** 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.

**Saturday - Day 2 = Matthew 27:62.** Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 63. Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 64. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. 65. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

**Night 2, Day 2? 1 Peter 3:18.** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 3:19. By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20. Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

**Sunday - Day 3 (morning) = Luke 24:1.** Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. 2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

**Matthew 28: 8.** And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. **9.** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail.

**Sunday - Day 3 (interim?) = Matthew 27: 52.** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, **53.** And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

(Acts 1:9. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. / MT 24: 30. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.)

(Spending Sunday with the Heroes of the Faith, that ‘great cloud of witnesses’? What a Novel idea. And what did they do for 40 days? If I were Moses, Joshua and Caleb, I would have walked to Egypt and back. A trip that originally took 40 years, one way. Or Abraham revisiting his journeys on how he became the Father of the Faithful. Or Isaac and Jacob discussing how Jacob was jealously maligned for being a man of integrity. Could they have had a Banquet? Remember Jesus cooking for the disciples in John 21? How about Adam and Eve discussing with the saved thief on the cross how he waited 3 days, while they waited like 3000 years. And poor Lazarus, who missed the first banquet by a couple of days. We can talk to him later...)

**Sunday - Day 3 (evening) = Luke 24:13.** 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. ....

**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. 35. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. 36. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

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Name/Years From Creation/BC-AD/Total Years	Purpose?
John The Baptist 3999-4035 BC 5-AD 32 36 yrs	The Four Passovers
Jesus The Christ 4000-4036 BC 5-AD 33 36 yrs	Paul's Four Journeys
The Flight To Egypt 4000-4001 BC 4-3 1 yr	Who Is Cainan?
Jesus At Twelve In The Temple 4011 AD 8	Map Of Middle East
Jesus Baptised/Tempted/Teaching 4030 AD 26	Map Of Judea
Jesus First Disciples/Miracle 4033 AD 30	Map Of 7 Churches (Zechariah 6 Prophecy)
1st Passover Of Christ 4033-4034 AD 30-31	3 Nights + 3 Days
2nd Passover Of Christ 4034-4035 AD 31-32	
3rd Passover Of Christ 4035-4036 AD 32-33	
4th Passover Of Christ 4036-4036 AD 33-33	
Early Church Jerusalem 4036-4038 AD 33-34	
Saul Converted/Accepted 4037-4047 AD 33-44	
Later Church In Jerusalem 4041-4073 AD 38-70	
Paul's First Journey 4048-4055 AD 45-52	
Paul's Second Journey 4055-4059 AD 52-56	
Paul's Third Journey 4059-4063 AD 56-60	
Paul To Jerusalem Rome 4063-4070 AD 60-67	

-- The New Testament --

Herod The Great 72 BC - 4 BC

The Last Jubilee 4030 AD 26

Lu. 4:14-15 Three Year Verse

Matthew The 12, -1, + 2

Mark Pharisees + Sadducees

Luke Pontius Pilate 4029-4042 AD 26-39

John Josephus The Historian 4040-? 37 AD - ?

Acts Of The Apostles

Thessalonians I 4057 AD 54

Galatians 4061 AD 58

Corinthians I + II 4063 AD 59-60

Romans 4063 AD 60

Philippians 4068 AD 64

Philemon 4068 AD 64

Colossians 4068 AD 64

Ephesians 4068 AD 64

Hebrews 4068 AD 64

Timothy I + II 4069 AD 65-66

Titus 4069 AD 65

James (brother of Jesus)

Peter I + II

Jude Rev Date 17

John I II III Revelation

Map Of Paul's 1st Journey Map Of Paul's 3rd Journey

Map Of Paul's 2nd Journey Map Of Paul To Rome

144,002 Witnesses Rev 7,11,14 1260 Days Rev 12 Rev 13 666 DCLXVI

Rev 16 - 3 Frogs What Did Jesus Know ...

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**24 Wednesday April 12**  
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**29 Sunday April 17**  
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**31 Tuesday March 27**  
**32 Monday April 14**  
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**34 Tuesday March 23**  
**35 Monday April 11**  
**36 Friday March 30**  
**37 Thursday April 18**

**6505. Anderson independently confirmed the date that Ussher computed for the passover for 33 AD.**