

Easter is not about eggs and
bunnies

As I have mentioned Easter the great day that changed everything!

Unfortunately in a couple thousand years it has changed it has become very commercialized, to the point a lot of people don't really know what it is about

Matthew 27:62

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate.

(The day after Jesus was crucified)

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This scripture (Matthew 27:62) serves not only to underscore the resolve of Jesus' opponents but also highlights how they took His words more seriously than His own disciples did, reflecting a profound irony in the narrative.

This event emphasizes that Jesus' followers, despite having heard His prophecy about rising from the dead, were unprepared for the reality that was about to unfold, while His adversaries worked diligently to ensure that His body remained undisturbed.

The religious leaders broke the rules by going to Pilate asking for a guard on Jesus's tomb they were basically working on the sabbath, and or causing another person to work

***Think about how the women went to tomb
expecting to find Jesus in the tomb and then the
disciples went after they heard he wasn't there
But the religious leaders were afraid that he was
coming back or his followers were going to make
it look like he did***

Mark 15:42-43

***42 It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,
43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.***

Luke 23:54

54 It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

Joseph takes down Jesus's body

John 19:14

***14 It was the day of Preparation of the
Passover; it was about noon.***

Pilate in judgement seat

John 19:31

31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

***All 4 of gospels list the day of the crucifixion as
the day of preparation,
But what is the day of preparation ?***

Exodus 20:8-11

8 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

The sabbath was to be a day of rest so on Friday they prepared everything so that on the sabbath they did no work not even preparing food

In John 19 verse 31 it mentions “and the next day was to be a special Sabbath.”

This sabbath followed the feast of unleavened bread and the Passover

one big controversy is what day was Jesus crucified; I believe that it was on Friday the day of preparation before the Sabbath

Mark 14

12 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the day the lambs for the Passover meal were killed, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and get the Passover meal ready for you?"

***13 Then Jesus sent two of them with these instructions: “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him
14 to the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house: ‘The Teacher says, Where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?’***

15 Then he will show you a large upstairs room, fixed up and furnished, where you will get everything ready for us.” 16 The disciples left, went to the city, and found everything just as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

This account is also in Luke 22:7–14; Matthew 26:17–19, but in Luke he mentions that the two Disciples was Peter and John, it mentions that they prepared the Passover meal, the Passover was the next day!

Mark 14

17 When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve disciples. 18 While they were at the table eating, Jesus said, “I tell you that one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

The institution of the lord's supper

Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Things that are going on; second day of the feast of the unleavened bread, that last for seven days. The Passover meal, institution of the lord's supper, and betrayal

In Exodus 12 we see the instructions for the feast of unleavened bread, and the Passover

Mark 16

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:9

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

John 20

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Luke 24

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

Matthew 28

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The gospels are very clear on what day Jesus was crucified and what day he rose from the grave!

And we know by the days of the Jewish holidays when this all took place

In the Hebrew Bible, Passover is observed on the 14th day of the first month (Nisan). This date marks the beginning of the seven-day celebration of Passover, with the 15th day being the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Passover will be observed this year from April 12 to April 19, 2025. It is the Jewish spring festival celebrating freedom and family as we remember the Exodus from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

Feast of Unleavened Bread, April 13-19, 2025.

Lets do the lords supper!