

John 19:31 The Jews therefore,
because it was the day of
preparation, so that the bodies
should not remain on the cross on
the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was
a high day), asked Pilate that
their legs might be broken, and
that they might be taken away.

Three feasts in succession.

The Passover (Friday)

The Feast of Unleavened Bread
(Saturday)

The Feast of the First Fruits
(Sunday)

On what is known as “Palm
Sunday” Jesus entered Jerusalem
to the cries of the crowd!

John 12:12 On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

Since the time of the Maccabees
(the revolutionaries who fought
the Romans the palm branch was
the equivalent of the confederate
flag. “Hosanna” was the rallying
cry. It means “Save us” The
crowd wanted Jesus to save them
from the Romans!

Luke 19:41 And when He
approached, He saw the city and
wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had
known in this day, even you, the
things which make for peace! But
now they have been hidden from
your eyes.

43 "For the days shall come upon
you when your enemies will throw
up a bank before you, and surround
you, and hem you in on every side,
44 and will level you to the ground
and your children within you, and
they will not leave in you one stone
upon another, because you did not
recognize the time of your
visitation."

They did not recognize Jesus as what He was, the Lamb of God, but God had declared that five days prior to the Passover, the Jews were to choose the lamb for sacrifice.

Ex 12:3 Speak to all the
congregation of Israel, saying, 'On
the tenth of this month they are each
one to take a lamb for themselves,
according to their fathers'
households, a lamb for each
household.

5 'Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 'And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.

Jesus was chosen 5 days before
his death as the Lamb of God!

John the Baptist had said of Jesus
John 1:29 The next day he saw
Jesus coming to him, and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world!"

Rev 5:11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

On Friday Jesus is crucified and
the veil of the temple is torn in
two.

Matt 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? "that is," My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? " 47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, "This man is calling for Elijah."

48 And immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink. 49 But the rest of them said, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,

Josephus, a Jewish historian, says the veil was as thick as a hand, 4-5 inches of felt. The tearing of the veil allowed the Holy of Holies to be seen indicating the earthly priesthood was at its end; all men could be priests.

Rev 1:6 and He has made us to
be a kingdom, priests to His God
and Father; to Him be the glory
and the dominion forever and
ever. Amen.

On the Passover, a priest would climb to the pinnacle of the temple and blow a shofar, a ram's horn to signal the killing of the lamb of God (Num 10:10). This trumpet had been sounded for centuries at 3 PM. All of Jerusalem would be silent.

It is at this time that Jesus indicates His work on earth is finished and dies! The Talmud confirms the earthquake and the damage to the temple 40 years (AD 30) before the destruction of Jerusalem by Vespasian and Titus (AD 70)!

At the Feast of unleavened bread (Saturday), the harvest of barley would be celebrated. The people would be celebrating the harvest. Jesus foretells his death on what is called Palm Sunday as well as the fact that his death would bring life to all who obeyed Him.

John 12:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Sunday is the Feast of the First Fruits. It celebrates the new life promised by the seed.

Lev 23:10 "Speak to the sons of Israel,
and say to them, 'When you enter the
land which I am going to give to you
and reap its harvest, then you shall
bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of
your harvest to the priest. 11 'And he
shall wave the sheaf before the LORD
for you to be accepted; on the day after
the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Jesus is the first fruits and the
Jews celebrated this without
knowing He had been raised.

1 Cor 15:20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,

Jesus rises!

John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. ... 4 And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first;

5 and stooping and looking in, he
saw the linen wrappings lying
there; but he did not go in. 6
Simon Peter therefore also came,
following him, and entered the
tomb; and he beheld the linen
wrappings lying there,

7 and the face-cloth, which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb entered then also, and he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

A side note; the Shroud of Turin
could not be the covering of
Jesus since the “face cloth” was a
separate piece and the shroud
presents the picture of the whole
man!

The Lamb of God was chosen by those who did not recognize Him. He was crucified and as the grain of barley is buried in order to bring forth life, Jesus was buried to live evermore. And just as a grain of barley will bring forth much fruit, Jesus as the first fruits will bring many to salvation.

Do you believe that Jesus is
risen?

Will you be Christ's at His
coming?