

Chronology of Passover Week in Year of Yeshua's Death

10 Nisan Sunday

Yeshua rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and is questioned by Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Hellenists, Romans, etc. for four days. Matthew 21-26

11 Nisan Monday

Day 2 of examination

12 Nisan Tuesday

Day 3 of examination

13 Nisan Wednesday

Day 4 of examination

14 Nisan Thursday (Passover)

~6pm Messiah and His disciples eat their Passover Seder a day before the rest of Israel because Yeshua will die today. Ancient Jewish prophecy said Messiah would explain the elements of the Passover Seder. Yeshua explains the afikoman represents his body and the third cup represents His blood which will seal the renewed covenant. (The disciples should eat the Passover seder again the next night without Yeshua. The Bible does not say whether they did or not.)

~9pm Messiah prays in the Garden of Gethsemane.

~Midnight Yeshua is arrested and taken for trials. It is illegal to try a criminal at night under Jewish law, but the High Priest, etc., needs to finish the business before sundown of Passover. Passover is not a high Sabbath day, but the first day of the feast of unleavened bread (15 Nisan) is a high Sabbath. Yeshua has several trials between midnight and 9am.

~6am Trial before Pilate. Matthew 27:1. Pilate offers the crowd Yeshua or Barabbas. Matthew 27:15. Crowd chooses poorly. Yeshua scourged. Matthew 27:26.

~9am Yeshua is nailed to the tree. Matthew 27:35.

~noon Darkness comes over the Land. Matthew 27:45. Messiah quotes Psalm 22:1 so the faithful would remember David's prophecy of the crucifixion. Matthew 27:46.

~3pm Yeshua dies – It is finished. Matthew 27:50. The disciples and the women hurry to get Yeshua to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Matthew 27:57. They wash the body, wrap it in strips of linen and anoint it with burial spices. They have to leave the tomb by 6pm so they do not violate the high Sabbath. Also, at this time Israel is killing the lambs for the seder.

15 Nisan Friday (Unleavened Bread)

~6pm Israel eats the Passover seder. Messiah's body lies in the tomb.

16 Nisan Saturday (Sabbath)

Israel observes the Sabbath day. Messiah's body lies in the tomb.

17 Nisan Sunday (First Fruits)

Before sunrise the women come to the tomb to finish preparing the body with burial spices, etc., only to find Yeshua has already arisen. Matthew 28:1.