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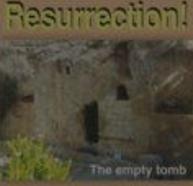


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Six Illegal Trials

- **Jewish Trials:**
 - Before Annas (John 18:12-14)
 - Before Caiaphas (John 18:19-24)
 - Before the Sanhedrin (Matt 27:1,2)
- **Roman Trials:**
 - Before Pilate (John 18:28-38)
 - Before Herod (Luke 23:6-11)
 - Before Pilate (John 18:39-19:16)

Passover Week April 6th-13th AD32 (10th-17th Nisan in the Jewish Calendar)

Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th	
Sabbath Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	Triumphal Entry 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	Feast of Passover Also: 'Day of Preparation'	Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath John 19:31	Sabbath	Feast of Firstfruits 1st day of Week	
Exodus 12:3-6 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it [between the evenings]*	John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.	Mark 11:12-14 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:  And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee	Mark 11:20-21 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.	Mark 15:33-37 And when the sixth hour was come, darkness over the whole land, until the ninth hour. Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus gave up the ghost.	Jesus Crucified  "Paid in full..." 3:00pm Luke 23:53-54 And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcherAnd that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.	John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day. (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.	Exodus 12:18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even" - Thus for the whole 7 day period they were to eat unleavened bread	 The empty tomb Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.	
* The Hebrew word is 'Beyn' which means 'between' This is another evidence of the supernatural design of the Bible. Just as in this model, laid down some 600 years before, Jesus was taken' on the 10th, and as a Lamb without blemish, was killed on the 14th between the evenings, shedding His own blood to become our Passover Lamb, atoning for our sin once and for all.	Mark 11:10-11aBlessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....	 "So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.	Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.	Mark 15:42-43 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.	Lev 23:5-7 "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"	Matthew 27:62 Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher 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.	Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.	
Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)	10th Begins John 12:1-2 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper (i.e. an evening meal)	11th Begins Mark 11:11b ...And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.	12th Begins Mark 11:19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.	13th Begins Mary pours costly oil on Jesus' feet & anoints His head; Judas, incensed, decides to go to the chief priests. A plot is hatched and planned for the following evening - only 24 hours from start to finish.	14th Begins Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve Mark 14:12-18 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover?And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.	15th Begins 1st Night	16th Begins 2nd Night	17th begins 3rd Night	18th Begins Matt 12:40 For as Jonah 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
NB: 'Passover' here is used to denote the 'festival' period commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1 So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.	Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.	John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;	John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.	The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4) According to the scriptures ...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover ...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread ...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits	 Location of the most important week in human history			

- 1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.
- 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.
- 3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.
- 4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

Luke 23:1-4

5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean.

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

Luke 23:5-8

9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

Luke 23:9-12

13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

Luke 23:13-17

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas:

19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

Luke 23:18-19

Barabbas

- Name means 'son of the father'
- Speaks of all of us
- We were 'sons of our father the devil'
- But have now been adopted
- Now we are called 'sons of God'
- Barabbas was guilty
- Christ was innocent
- The great exchange

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go.

Luke 23:20-22

The Acta Pilati

- *“Important testimony of Pontius Pilate, recently discovered, being his official report to the Emperor Tiberius, concerning the crucifixion of Christ”*

- by George Sluter 1837-1908

- Original Manuscript is in the Vatican

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The Acta Pilati

Justin Martyr, in his first apology for the Christians, which was presented to the Emperor Antoninus Pius, in the year A. D., 138, having mentioned the Crucifixion of Jesus and some of its attendant circumstances, says:

“ And that these things were so done, you may know from the Acts made in the time of Pontius Pilate.”

The Acta Pilati

The learned Tertullian, in his Apology for Christianity, about the year 200, after speaking of our Savior's crucifixion and resurrection, and his appearance to the disciples, who were ordained by him to publish the Gospel over the world, thus proceeds:

“Of all these things relating to Christ, Pilate himself, in his conscience already a Christian, sent an account to Tiberius, then Emperor.”

The Acta Pilati

- It is Pilate's report to Emperor Caesar concerning the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- He details:
 - What happened regarding the crucifixion
 - The kind of man Jesus was
 - That Jesus had been granted freedom to teach the people
 - That wealthy people didn't like Jesus on account of his support for the poor

The Acta Pilati

- It is Pilate's report to Emperor Caesar concerning the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- He details:
 - Miraculous events at the tomb of Jesus
 - That a brilliant light was seen
 - That an angelic being appeared
 - That there was an earthquake
 - That trained Roman guards collapsed in terror
 - And that they actually saw Jesus risen from the dead
 - But that they were then given money to keep quiet

23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Luke 23:23-25

26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

Luke 23:26-29

30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Luke 23:30-31

32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Luke 23:32-33

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

Luke 23:34-37

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Luke 23:38

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:39-43

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.

Luke 23:44-46

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

Luke 23:47

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #1 Pilate had declared Jesus innocent!
 - In Luke's gospel, in an unprecedented move, Pilate says to the mob, ***"I have found in Him no guilt "*** (Lk 23:22)
 - As Pilate hands Jesus over to the centurion, instead of hearing the crimes committed against the state that justify the death sentence, he and his soldiers watch, according to Matthew's account, Pilate wash his hands in a ceremonial manner and say, ***"I am innocent of this Man's blood . . ."*** (Matt 27:24)
 - This must have gotten the centurion's attention. He was a soldier who had given his life to protect and uphold the law of the land, and his leader just announced that this 'criminal' he was about to crucify had never broken the law.

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #2 Jesus' words to the women
 - En route to Calvary, the centurion & soldiers would hear Jesus make an unusual statement to the women weeping at the sight of this Jew being put to death by Romans.
 - Instead of acknowledging their sadness and sympathy Jesus warns them of their impending danger (Lk 23:28)
 - Jesus, beaten beyond recognition, on His way to die, shows compassion for other people who are also going to die.
 - This must have seemed odd to soldiers well worn by the crying of the condemned for mercy. Had they ever seen a condemned man care about anyone else on his way to an excruciating death? These soldiers would be struck by the fact that Christ showed no concern for Himself.

The Centurion...

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- #3 Jesus' refusal to drink an anesthetic
 - History records the custom of the Daughters of Jerusalem to, out of compassion for the condemned, provide wine mixed with myrrh – a narcotic drink intended to ease the pain of the crucified victim.
 - Mark informs us that when Christ reached Calvary, He was offered this drink but . . . He did not take it. (Mark 15:23)
 - Why did He not take this drink? Christ had work to do on the cross; He had things to say and would not be in a stupor. He would face death without His senses dulled so that every word could be trusted; so that every final act could be recorded.

The Centurion...

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- #4 Jesus' forgives those crucifying Him!
 - Luke records that Jesus said: *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves”*. (Luke 23:33b-34)
 - The context clearly points to the often-overlooked fact that Christ was not offering this prayer for the religious leaders who had come to mock Him. Jesus was praying for the soldiers.
 - The Sanhedrin knew what they were doing, but these soldiers did not – they were simply on duty this fateful day.

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- Picture the scene:

- The Savior's body was twisting in pain with each blow of the hammer and being jolted as it was raised upon the saddle, followed by further hammering through His feet...
- Yet He prayed aloud, *"Father, forgive them . . . forgive them . . . they do not know what they are doing."*
- Can you imagine any criminal these men had ever executed looking at them and offering prayers of forgiveness.
- ...and Jesus keeps praying to the "Father".
- Even the Romans would have known enough to know that no Jew ever called God his "Father".

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- Picture the scene:
 - The centurion had listened as Pilate declared this Man innocent.
 - He had heard Christ warn a group of women that He was not in danger with God, but they were.
 - He had watched Christ refuse to drink the narcotic.
 - He then heard this Man offer forgiveness to his soldiers for what they were doing.
 - By now, the centurion must have been deeply wondering, “Just who is this Man?”

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #5 Grace shown to the thief in the cross
 - One of the other two individuals being crucified that day cried out “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!” (Luke 23:42)
 - There is no doubt the centurion had already mulled over the meaning of the words on the placard behind Jesus’ head that declared Christ’s only crime, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” (Matthew 27:37)
 - Now, this soldier hears one of the condemned cry out to Jesus in faith, in this moment while they both hang on the cross, asking that Jesus allow him to enter His kingdom!

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #5 Grace shown to the thief in the cross
 - Surely this man on the centre cross will tell the criminal he has been misled and that this is all a myth. Surely He will say something like, “Do I look like a King?! Do I look like there’s a kingdom waiting for me?!”
 - Instead, the centurion and his soldiers must have been shocked to hear Jesus reply “*Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.*” (Luke 23:43)
 - In other words, “I am the King of the Jews. I am the Messiah. There is a kingdom belonging to Me. I will give you entrance!”
 - After these words, nature, in the grip of Creator God, lends its voice to this scene on Calvary...

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #6 Darkness sweeps in and covers the land.
 - Matthew & Luke tell us that darkness blankets the earth at the 'sixth hour' and that it lasts until the ninth hour
 - The sixth hour is mid-day (noon) when the sun is at its zenith, it suddenly gets turned off like a light bulb.
 - Sources outside the Bible indicate that the darkness was actually global.
 - For example, in a letter from Pilate to Emperor Tiberius after these things he refers to the darkness from 12-3pm that he knew Tiberius had also experienced, even though Tiberius was in Rome and not in Israel at the time.
 - There is no doubt that the soldiers quickly started a fire in order to keep watch and that torches were lit as this supernatural darkness blotted out the sky for three hours.

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

From this point forward, the tone of everything changes...

- The rabbis had taught for centuries that the darkening of the sun was a judgment from God
- There is no more mocking or jeering. Everyone senses that God's hand is somehow involved. The Centurion must have noticed the religious leaders now slip away.
- Luke tells us that after Jesus dies, the crowd that is still at this scene will return to Jerusalem weeping and in deep contrition (Luke 23:48). This was no longer the public spectacle the Jewish leaders were anticipating!
- During these three hours of darkness, Jesus makes more statements...

The Centurion...

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- #7 Jesus cries out to God
 - Suddenly, out of the darkness, Jesus cries, *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”* (Mathew 27:46)
 - The centurion would have noticed that Jesus is not referring to God as His Father.
 - For the first time in scripture, Jesus does not address God as His Father.
 - There is no intimate communion at this point,
 - as Jesus takes upon Himself our transgressions (Is 53:5);
 - as Jesus who knew no sin becomes sin on our behalf (II Cor 5:21)
 - as Jesus becomes a curse for us (Gal 3:13);
 - as Jesus is delivered up because of our transgressions (Rom 4:25)
 - and as Jesus bears our sins in His body on the cross (I Pet 2:24).

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #8 Jesus declaration of victory!
 - After 3 hrs of darkness Jesus cries out “tetelestai,” (“paid in full”). The gospel was being delivered in a word. Jesus did not cry out, “*I am finished,*” but “*It is finished!*”
 - Literally: “*It is finished and it always will be finished.*”
 - The Centurion must have thought ‘what a strange word for a dying man to cry’.
 - However, this is not strange for the Christian; this is the cry of the believer’s deliverance, the shout of their forgiveness, the declaration of their eternal justification.

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #8 Jesus declaration of victory!
 - This is not the end of story; it is merely picking up speed!
 - Luke then includes this final word as Jesus says, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” . . . (Luke 23:46).
 - The Centurion hears Jesus reverting back to calling God “Father”.
 - Why did Jesus do this? Because it was finished!
 - In the darkness, on the cross Christ had paid the eternal sacrifice for our sins and now, no longer abandoned, Christ offers up His spirit to the care of His Father.

The Centurion...

9 events that made a believer of a Roman Centurion:

- #9 The Great Earthquake

- As Christ bows His head in death, Mathew records that the earth began to shudder and shake so violently that rocks split apart (Matthew 27:51).
- Throughout the course of Jewish history, an earthquake was a sign of the presence of God. This was true even to a Gentile Roman soldier – he had seen enough.
- It is no wonder that the centurion stood at the cross and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (Matt 27:54)
- It all makes sense – the compassion, the dignity, the promise of a kingdom, the communication with God His Father, the darkness, the earthquake . . .

The Centurion...

- A Roman soldier is the first Gentile convert after the death of Christ – a conversion at Calvary.
- From Luke's account, this centurion was not quiet about his conversion either. The text says, he began praising God . . . (Luke 23:47)
- The “Hallelujahs of the Cross” came first from the lips of a redeemed Centurion!
- He came to faith beneath the dead Saviour's cross.
- He believed that this dead Man was indeed the King with a coming kingdom – the Son of God!

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

Luke 23:48-49

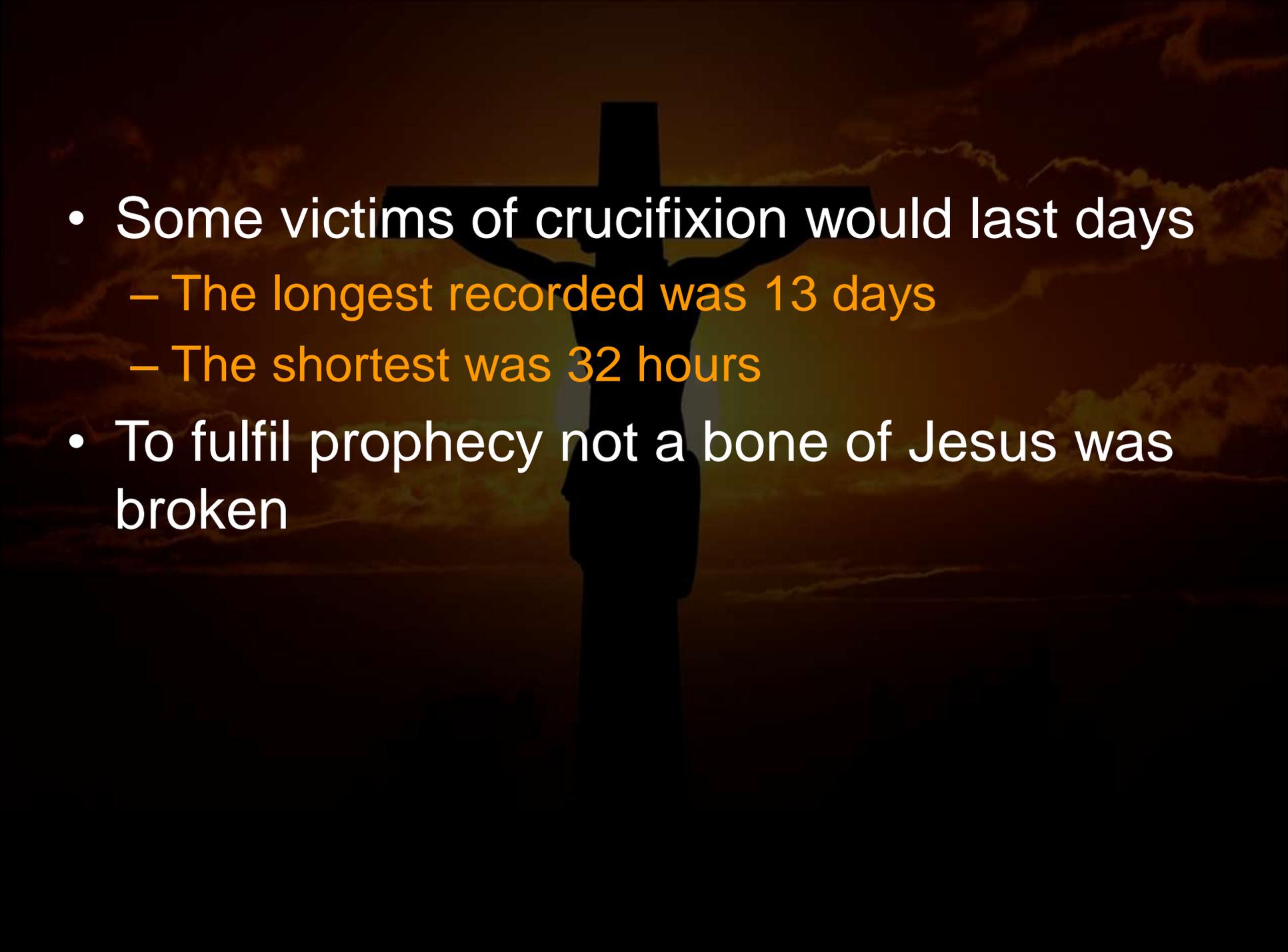
50 And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52 This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

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.

Luke 23:50-53

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- A silhouette of a crucifixion is centered in the background against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- Some victims of crucifixion would last days
 - The longest recorded was 13 days
 - The shortest was 32 hours
 - To fulfil prophecy not a bone of Jesus was broken

Joseph of Arimathea...

- 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:
- 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

Matthew 27:57-58

Joseph of Arimathea...

- Joseph came from Arimathea - a city of Judah
- He was notably wealthy and "*a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God*"
- He was held in very high regard
- He is called 'honourable counsellor' **Mk 15:43**
 - Only 14 such men in the history of the nation!
- Yet we find he became a disciple of Jesus
 - **Matt 27:57**

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.

Luke 23:54-56

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Exodus 12:3-6 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it [between the evenings]*	John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.	Mark 11:12-14 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:  Fig tree And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee	Mark 11:20-21 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away.	Mark 15:33-37 And when the sixth hour was come (12:00pm), there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.	Jesus Crucified  "Paid in full..." 3:00pm Luke 23:53-54 And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.	Lev 23:5-7 "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD" Deut 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15)	Matthew 27:62 Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher 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.	Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.
* The Hebrew word is 'Beyn' which means 'between' This is another evidence of the supernatural design of the Bible. Just as in this model, laid down some 600 years before, Jesus was taken' on the 10th, and as a Lamb without blemish, was killed on the 14th between the evenings, shedding His own blood to become our Passover Lamb, atoning for our sin once and for all.	Mark 11:10-11aBlessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....	Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.	Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.	Mark 15:42-43 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.	1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day
Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)	"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.	Mark here refers to the feast/festival starting from the 15th (which was the first day off work) - see Luke 22:1 so after 2 days = 15th & the feast	Mary pours costly oil on & anoints His head; Jud decides to go to the city. A plot is hatched and the following evening... only 24 hours from start to finish.	And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover?.....And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me	15th Begins 1st Night	16th Begins 2nd Night	17th begins 3rd Night	18th Begins Matt 12:40 For as Jonah 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
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CHAPTER 24

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Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
Sabbath Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	Triumphal Entry 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	Feast of Passover Also: 'Day of Preparation'	Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath John 19:31	Sabbath Exodus 12:18	Feast of Firstfruits 1st day of Week Resurrection!
Exodus 12:3-6 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it [between the evenings]*	John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:10-11aBlessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things....	Mark 11:12-14 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:  Fig tree And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee	Mark 11:20-21 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away.	Mark 15:33-37 And when the sixth hour was come (12:00pm), there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.	Jesus Crucified  "Paid in full..." 3:00pm Luke 23:53-54 And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.	John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), because the sabbath day was near, they therefore desired that Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.	*In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD. Matthew 27:62 Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher 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.	 The empty tomb Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.
* The Hebrew word is 'Beyn' which means 'between' This is another evidence of the supernatural design of the Bible. Just as in this model, laid down some 600 years before, Jesus was taken on the 10th, and as a Lamb without blemish, was killed on the 14th between the evenings, shedding His own blood to become our Passover Lamb, atoning for our sin once and for all.	"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5) Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then morning representing a complete 24 hour day.	 Bethany	Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.	Mark 15:42-43 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.	Lev 23:5-7 "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD" Deut 16:16 "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15)	Matthew 27:62 Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher 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.	Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.
Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)	10th Begins John 12:1-2 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper (i.e. an evening meal)	11th Begins Mark 11:11b ...And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.	12th Begins Mark 11:19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.	13th Begins Mary pours costly oil on Jesus' feet & anoints His head; Judas, incensed, decides to go to the chief priests. A plot is hatched and planned for the following evening - only 24 hours from start to finish.	14th Begins Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. Mark 14:12-18 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and... eat the passover?And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.	15th Begins 1st Night The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4) iAccording to the scriptures: ...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover ...was buried = Feast of Unleavened Bread ...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits	16th Begins 2nd Night 2nd Day	17th begins 3rd Night 3rd Day
NB: 'Passover' here is used to denote the 'festival' period commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1 So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.	Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.	John 13:1-2 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;	18th Begins Matt 12:40 For as Jonah 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.	 Jerusalem Location of the most important week in human history				

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

Luke 24:2

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?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

Luke 24:3-7

8 And they remembered his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

Luke 24:8-11

12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

Luke 24:12

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.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

Luke 24:13-16

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

Luke 24:17-19

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

Luke 24:20-23

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:24-27

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.

Luke 24:28-31

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.

Luke 24:32-35

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Luke 24:36-39

40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Luke 24:40-44

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:45-49

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Luke 24:50-53

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