

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 10, 11, 2021 5 PM & 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude	David Schmidt
Piano	Wendy Baldwin
Guitar	Steve Budnack

Prayer

Hymns 36, 324, 56 "He Is Exalted" "To God Be the Glory"

Scripture – Psalm 11 (printed on the back page)

Announcements

Hymns 406, 323 "Wonderful Words of Life" "At the Cross"

Pastoral Prayer

Message

RISE UP O CHURCH

1 Corinthians 15:1-26 / Acts 3:11-26 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday Ladies Bible study 10am with Becky Shearer

Thursday Precept Bible study at 9:15 with Margaret Was

Reminder: Ladies of Grace Event on Saturday, April 17th

The offering box is in the back of the sanctuary

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

In regards to the question of Jesus being crucified on Friday and in the grave 3 days and 3 nights and rising on Sunday, let me take a moment to address this as clearly as I can from scripture.

The word Preparation is the word for the sixth day of the week, our Friday. Therefore the phrase in John 19:14, Preparation of the Passover, means, Friday of the week of the Passover. This is in agreement with Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and Matthew 27:62. The idea that Jesus must've been in the grave for 72 hours, is based on a misunderstanding of Matthew 12:40 which quotes Jonah 1:17. "There shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah..." It is an erroneous thought to insist upon ancient idioms to be taken as if they were spoken in our English. Scripture makes it very clear seven times that Christ arose on the third day. Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; Luke 27:7, 21, 46; 1 Corinthians 15:4. If Jesus arose on the third day and we were to follow modern English that Jesus was in the grave for 72 hours according to our clock, then Christ's resurrection would've taken place on the fourth day and not on the third day.

In the New Testament, the phrase after three days, is interchangeable with the words, on the third day. The chief priest and the Pharisees reminded Pilate that Jesus had said, after three days I will rise again. For this reason they requested that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day (Matthew 27:63, 64).

Jesus predicted His resurrection in terms that were not hard to understand or open to personal interpretation to His disciples. **Jesus said** that He would be raised again the third day (Matthew 16:21). **He said** He would after three days rise again (Mark 8:31). Again, the third day He shall rise again (Mark 10:34). **Jesus said** He would be raised the third day (Luke 9:32). These scripture references make it perfectly clear that in the language of the writers of the Gospel an event which took place on the third day could just as well be spoken of as having taken place after three days.

As far as the ancient idiom, three days and three nights, used only once with reference to the time Christ lay in the tomb, there is a parallel scripture in 1 Samuel 30:12, 13. We easily know that in ancient idiom, three days ago means the day before yesterday.

Scripture is perfectly clear that "three days and three nights" equals "after three days" and is consistent with the words, "on the third day". Jesus ate the Passover on the 14th of Nisan, was crucified on the 15th, which was Friday in our language, New Testament Greek. His body was in the grave a part of Friday, all day on the Jewish Sabbath, and He arose from the dead early in the morning on the first day of the week (Sunday).

SCRIPTURE READING

Faith in the LORD's Righteousness

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David.

11 In the LORD I put my trust;
How can you say to my soul,
“Flee *as* a bird to your mountain”?

**²For look! The wicked bend *their* bow,
They make ready their arrow on the string,
That they may shoot secretly at the upright in
heart.**

³ If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?

**⁴The LORD *is* in His holy temple,
The LORD's throne *is* in heaven;
His eyes behold,
His eyelids test the sons of men.**

⁵ The LORD tests the righteous,
But the wicked and the one who loves violence His
soul hates.

**⁶Upon the wicked He will rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind
Shall be the portion of their cup.**

**⁷For the LORD *is* righteous,
He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds
the upright.**