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SPECIFIC BIBLE STUDIES - JESUS PART 3 E

PART 3-----From the Scriptural Account:

Following is information regarding the day of the week that Christ was crucified.

There were 2 Sabbaths the week He was crucified and 2 preparation days.

We know by the scriptures that Christ took the Passover with the disciples before he was crucified. What Holy Days come right after the Passover?

ANSWER: The Days of Unleavened Bread, which last 7 days. The Days of Unleavened Bread begin and end with a Holy Day.

The Passover is ALWAYS ONE DAY before the first Holy Day. For example, in the year, 1999, the Passover was 31 March and we took the Passover on the evening of the 30th again showing that days begin at sunset [even].

The first Holy Day in 1999---the First Day of Unleavened Bread--- fell on the 1st of April, just one day after the Passover day ---31st of March. The Passover day is not a Holy Day and therefore is the preparation day for the First Holy Day. Such was the case in Christ's time. He kept the Passover the evening before. He was crucified the next day.

This Holy Day was on a Thursday that year---31 AD. We know this from Part 3-----Item A above, which shows Wednesday, the 25th of April as the Passover. The Holy Day was the next day, a Thursday. The Holy Day and the Sabbath day could not have been the same day because in Mark 16:9, we have the women coming to the tomb on the early morning of Sunday. The preparation day for the Sabbath was Friday and we know that He could not have been killed on that day because there are not 3 days and 3 nights between Friday and Sunday morning.

Conclusion: He was crucified on the first preparation day, Wednesday and resurrected on the Sabbath day.

Matt 27:62

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate.

Mark 15:42

42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath. (the Annual Holy Day)

Luke 23:54

54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

John 19:14

14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

Note: In John here we see the phrase, "preparation of the passover" denoting the Passover Day before the First

Annual Holy Day -- the day Jesus was crucified.