

Note: The Last Supper was *not* the **Passover meal**. Jesus, as the Lamb of God, was sacrificed on Nisan 14 *before* the Passover meal on Nisan 15. At the Last Supper, only bread and wine is mentioned (not lamb), plus the lamb would not attend his own meal!

- Also see John 13:1-2, 13:29 and 18:28 which specifically say the Feast (Passover meal) is future.
- Jesus desired to eat this Passover [meaning yet future] but would not (Luke 22:15)
- Jesus and disciples all leave after the Last Supper, going to the Garden of Gethsemane during the night. At the Passover meal, none were to go outside until morning (Ex 12:22)

• Lamb selected on the tenth day of this month (Exodus 12:3).

NOTE: Exactly 69 'sevens' (or 173,880 days) from decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Dan 9:25; Neh 1:1-9) until Anointed One

Note: Preparation Day is referred to as part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Matt 26:17; Mark 14:12). But it is the day *before* the special sabbath (Mark 15:42) on the day is "when it was customary to sacrifice the lamb" (Mark 14:12-16), which is Nisan 14.

Note: Jesus, the Lamb of God (John 1:29), is crucified at the EXACT same time as all Israel is sacrificing their Lambs for the Passover Meal. Christ IS our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7)

Christ's Final Week

Passover (Lev 23:5)

Lamb is slaughtered
at twilight on Nisan 14th; Passover Begins (Ex 12:6; Lev 23:5)

Passover meal eaten (Lev 23:6)
Passover actually begins at twilight on the Nisan 14th, but meal is eaten on Nisan 15th

Note: Firstfruits would be the first day of the week *after* the regular Sabbath

Preparation Day (see Note left)												Feast of Unleavened Bread Begins on the 15 th day of Nisan; 7 days (Lev 23:6)										
												Sacred Assembly (Lev 23:7)						First Fruits (Lev 23:9-14)				
												Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	
Nisan 9			Nisan 10			Nisan 11			Nisan 12			Nisan 13			Nisan 14		Nisan 15		Nisan 16		Nisan 17	
Saturday April 5, 32 AD		Palm Sunday April 6, 32 AD		Monday April 7, 32 AD		Tuesday April 8, 32 AD		Wednesday April 9, 32 AD		Thursday April 10, 32 AD		Friday April 11, 32 AD		Saturday April 12, 32 AD		Sunday April 13, 32 AD						
												Feast Sabbath		Regular Sabbath								

- **Six days before the Passover** – which was eaten on Nisan 15 (John 12:1)
- 'the next day', which would be Palm Sunday (John 12:12)

• Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey (see note above) (Mk 11:7-10; Matt 21:5-8)

- Jesus went to the temple (Mk 11:11)
- Jesus clears temple (Matt 21:12)

• Left and went to Bethany, where he spent the night (Matt 21:17)

- The next day (Mk 11:12)
- Curses the fig tree (Mk 11:14)

- On reaching Jerusalem (Mk 11:15)
- Clearing of temple (Mk 11:15)

• Evening, went out of the city (Mk 11:19)

- In the morning, Peter sees fig tree withered (Mk 11:21)
- Arrived again in Jerusalem (Mk 11:27)

- Parables/Teachings (Mk 12–13)
- Parables/Teaching (Matt 22-23)

- Leaves temple (Mk 13:1; Matt 24:1)
- Olivet discourse (Matt 24-25; Mk 13, Luke 21)

- **Passover 2 days away** (Matt 26:2)
- Jesus anointed at Bethany (Mk 14:3)
- Judas Iscariot went to chief priests to betray Jesus (Mk 14:10)

- **The Last Supper**; On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Matt 26:17) (See Note above)
- It was **before the Passover Feast [meaning it was yet future]**; the evening meal (not Passover meal) was served (John 13:1-2)
- Jesus told Judas to buy what was **needed for (Passover) Feast [meaning it was yet future]** (John 13:29)
- Jesus desired to eat this Passover; but says he will *not* eat again until the kingdom (Luke 22:14-16)

- Jesus to Gethsemane (Matt 26:36)
- Jesus arrested (Matt 26:47)
- Before Caiaphas (Matt 26:57)
- Peter denies Jesus 3 times (Matt 26:69-75)

- Early the next morning; Jesus handed over to Pilot (Matt 27:2)
- Jews did not enter palace; **they wanted to be clean to be able to eat the Passover [meaning it was yet future]** (John 18:28)
- Pilot sends Jesus over to Herod (Luke 23:7)

- **Sign of Jonah; 3 days and 3 nights** (Matt 12:40)
- Destroy this temple and **in 3 days** I will raise it up (John 2:19-21)

• The next day, **the one after Preparation Day**, Pharisees go to Pilot to guard tomb (Matt 27:62)

- Jesus dies at the 9th hour (Matt 27:46)
- **Preparation Day**; the day before the Sabbath; As evening approached, Joseph asks for Jesus' body (Matt 27:57; Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54)
- Women went home and prepared spices and perfumes (Luke 23:56)
- Now it was the **day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath** (John 19:31)

- **The day of Preparation of Passover Week**, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," (John 19:14-15)
- Governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner (Matt 27:15)
- "Crucify him"; Pilot handed him over to be crucified (John 19:15-16)
- Darkness from 6th hour to 9th hour (Matt 27:45)

- After the **Sabbaths** (plural in Greek; after the 2 Sabbaths) at dawn on first day of week (Matt 28:1)
- Empty tomb; very early in the morning on the first day of the week (Luke 24:1)
- Early on the first day of the week, **while it was still dark**, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed (John 20:1)
- Road to Emmaus: they crucified him; **it is the third day** since all this took place. (Luke 24:21)
- Christ IS the "firstfruits" (1 Cor 15:20)

Note: It is clear from Mark that Jesus cleared temple "the next day" (Monday). But in Matthew it appears to be Sunday (the same day Jesus enters Jerusalem). Matthew then states 'Early the [next] morning' (Matt 21:18) Jesus goes back to city and curses the fig tree, which is Monday and is consistent with Mark 11. As such, it indicates that Jesus cleared the temple both Sunday *and* Monday.