

## WAS YAHSHUA AN IMPOSTOR?

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The apostle Paul said he preached Messiah and Him crucified. He preached a Messiah who was in the grave a full 3 days and 3 nights, 72 hours. Read I Corinthians 15:1-5. But WHY? In this booklet you will explore the Scriptures regarding this vital subject and the very reason why Yahweh said another Messiah was being proclaimed even in the days of the apostles. Be ready for a fascinating study from the New Testament. You will find out about the REAL Yahshua!

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The **real** Yahshua did many mighty miracles. He healed the sick, raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, made the lame to walk, and preached the good news of the Kingdom of Yahweh. Yet He left only one sign that He alone was the true Messiah. That sign was the length of time He would be in the grave, dead and buried. Today, most of Christendom rejects that one and only sign by their works. This results in the preaching and teaching about an impostor and NOT the **real** Yahshua. Read II Corinthians 11:4 in the amplified, for an astonishing revelation as to what was going on even in the apostle Paul's day. Either the "Good Friday--Easter Sunday" tradition is a fable, or you have NO Savior!!

### WHAT SIGN?

Some of the Pharisees and scribes came to Yahshua and asked to see a sign from Him; as if all the miracles and the truth He preached were not enough. Yahshua answered them bluntly in Matthew 12:39-40, "*...An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah: for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of (a great fish), so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*"

Yahshua DID leave a sign we could look to throughout all generations that would prove He alone was the Messiah of Almighty Yahweh. That one and only sign was the length of time He would be not only dead, but buried. If Yahshua did not fulfill this one and only sign, then He is an impostor, and the world has NO Savior. But praise be to Yahweh, He did fulfill that sign.

### DAYS--HOW LONG?

In 31 C.E., the year the real Messiah died, Yahshua made it clear that during the short time after the spring equinox and prior to His death, the daylight portion of a 24 hour day (at that time of year) was nearly equally divided with the night portion. Twelve hours for the day, and twelve hours for the night. He stated in John 11:9, "*...are there not twelve hours in a day?...*" Since there are 24 hours in a full day, then He is talking about the daylight portion. Therefore the night portion would also be 12 hours. At that time of year the day and night portions are close to being equal. 12 hours per day, 12 hours per night--day and night.

Yahshua specifically stated He would be 3 days AND 3 nights in the grave, not portions of 3 days. (In the book of Jonah, there is no Hebrew idiom meaning parts of 3 days.)

### YAHSHUA IS SPECIFIC

Yahshua nailed down the time specifically. In Luke 9:22 He said "*...The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised again the third day.*" Previously Yahshua stated He would be 3 days and 3 nights in the grave. Now He states He would be raised the third day. This is obviously the daylight portion of the 3rd day. (Read Matthew 16:21 and also 17:23.) How can

we know? Let's ask Him. He will tell us. This is exciting!

In John 2:19 Yahshua, speaking of the temple of His body said "...*Destroy this temple, and IN three days I will raise it up.*" Further, in Mark 8:31, Yahshua was telling His disciples of His suffering and then He said "...*and after three days (He would) rise again.*"

We see then, that His resurrection would be on the third day, in 3 days and after 3 days. In other words, a full 72 hour period would have to elapse and He would be raised from the dead during the daylight portion of the last 12 hour period.

### **EARLY SUNDAY MORNING**

Read all of the four evangel accounts, put them together, and you will find His disciples did NOT expect Yahshua to be raised from the dead. Read John 20:9, Luke 24:11, Mark 16:11-13 and 14. Some actually refused to believe He was alive. The women brought the prepared spices expecting to put them on His dead body (Luke 24:1). In the account of Luke 25:6-7, the angel said, "*He is NOT her, but is risen (past tense): remember how He spoke to you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.*"

The women had come at break of dawn and Yahshua was NOT there. He was gone and the tomb was EMPTY! In Matthew 28:6 the angel said, "*He is not here: for He is risen (past tense), AS HE SAID...*"

Since He was to rise the third day, the third day of daylight had to have been that of the weekly Sabbath (Saturday). But what time on Sabbath? Yahshua died in the 9th hour of a 12 hour day of daylight--about 3 p.m. (Matthew 27:45-50).

Since He arose on the third day, count back from the daylight portion of Sabbath between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The previous daylight portion would be a Friday, the next a Thursday, and the one prior to that, a Wednesday. Since He died about 3 p.m., was then buried prior to sunset around 6 p.m., can we find 3 days AND 3 nights? Yes, it is exciting to discover this in the four evangels! Yahweh's days begin and end at sunset. See Genesis 1 and also Leviticus 23:32. At sunset Wednesday came the night portion of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, an High Day, an annual Sabbath (John 19:31). Then came the daylight portion ending at sunset on Thursday. So far we have 1 night and 1 day. Then came the night portion of the regular weekly preparation day, Friday, and that is followed by the daylight portion. Now we have 2 days and 2 nights gone. Following the normal weekly preparation day comes the Sabbath, at sunset Friday. First the night portion and then the day portion. Toward the end of that 3rd day portion Messiah was raised from the dead somewhere between 3 p.m. and about 6 p.m. We know it was toward the end of the daylight portion, because Yahshua had said AFTER as well as IN the third day. At sunset Sabbath comes the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday today. He is now already risen AS HE SAID! The disciples did not come at sunset on Sabbath but waited until the break of dawn on the first day of the week.

## TWO SABBATHS THAT WEEK

There were two Sabbath that week. That Thursday was an annual High Day, as John 19:31 specifically states. That was the 15th of Abib, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Then came a preparation day for the weekly Sabbath. How can you know, and know that you know? Simple. At least two of the women who ministered unto Yahshua did not return to their homes as soon as Yahshua was dead. They huddled against the tomb. Matthew 27:61 *"...And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher."*

Now, clearly notice what happened. When the annual Sabbath was over, the women went and bought spices. They could NOT buy them on an annual OR a weekly Sabbath. So they had to purchase them on an ordinary weekly preparation day between the two Sabbaths. Mark 16:1 says, *"And when the sabbath (annual) was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him."*

But what must they do with the spices prior to anointing Him? The story is found in Luke 23:56 *"...And they (the women) returned (from the sepulcher), and prepared spices and ointments..."* This had to have following the annual Sabbath after they had bought them during the weekly preparation day after the annual Sabbath was over. What did they do then? Same verse *"...and rested the Sabbath day [weekly] according to the commandment."*

After resting that weekly Sabbath, NOT EXPECTING YAHSHUA TO BE ALREADY RESURRECTED what did the women do? Luke 24:1, *"Now upon the first (day) of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared..."* Guess what? They found an EMPTY TOMB...verse 3! Yahshua was ALREADY RISEN, AS HE SAID!

Yahshua died April 25, 31 C.E. on Wednesday afternoon. Does this fit Scripture? Yes, we have seen it surely does.

## EXPLAINING MARK 16:9

How can we rectify the verse of Scripture in Mark 16:9? Doesn't this say Yahshua rose early on the first day of the week? That verse says, *"Now when Yahshua was risen early the first (day) of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils."*

Since the Scripture has proven that He was NOT in the tomb that morning, but that He had already risen Sabbath afternoon near sunset, then this verse cannot break that truth. What is the problem? For nearly 14 centuries there was no punctuation in the Scriptures. Then man added punctuation for clarification. The phrase "early the first day of the week" can be grammatically connected either with the words "he appeared first to Mary Magdalene" OR "Now when Yahshua was risen." It could be indicating the time of the resurrection OR the time when He first appeared to the disciples. Since we have seen proven beyond doubt that it cannot be referring to the time of His resurrection, the only thing left it could refer to is the time He

appeared to Mary. Therefore a change in the placement of a comma IS JUSTIFIED. The verse should read, *"Now when Yahshua was risen, early the first day of the week He appeared first to May Magdalene..."*

### PARALLEL SCRIPTURES

John 20:1, Luke 24:1, Mark 16:1 and Matthew 28:1 are parallel Scriptures showing when the women came to the tomb. They MUST agree. Let us take a look at, and see the marvelous revelation of Yahweh, in putting together His word.

John 20:1, *"The first (day) of the week comes Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and sees the stone taken away from the sepulcher."* Here we see that she came while it was yet dark, not while it became dark just after sunset on Sabbath. She came at the crack of dawn. During these early morning hours, it is still dark, and growing light.

Luke 24:1, *"Now upon the first (day) of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they have prepared, and certain others with them."* This clearly says the time was the wee hours of the morning.

Mark 16:1-2, *"And when the sabbath was 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."* Here we see who the others were with Mary, and also it was early, at the rising of the sun, although the sun had not come up yet.

Matthew 28:1, *"In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first (day) of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher."* Some feel this is at the beginning of the first day just after sunset of Sabbath while it grew dark. Yet, if the women came then, they found out in verse 6 that Yahshua was not there and there would be no need for them to come back at daybreak at all.

The word "dawn" is #2020 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. It is epiphosko [ep-ee-foce'-ko] and means "to begin to grow light." The word "toward" is #1519 "eis" [ice], meaning "to or into, indicating the point reached or entered." Thus the verse would better be rendered "in the end of the sabbath, as it began to grow light into the first (day) of the week..." This, of course, harmonizes with the other 3 parallel Scriptures, and the Scripture **cannot** be broken.

We have also seen that there were two Sabbaths that week. Most of the translations render the first phrase of this verse questionably. The Greek is "Sabbatone" and can refer to more than one, a plurality. Fenton translates it "After the Sabbaths." Even he states in a footnote that the Greek original is in the plural and means Sabbaths. Although this is a meaningful explanation, the previous proof in this booklet that shows there were two Sabbaths would still allow Matthew 28:1 to refer to the weekly Sabbath.

## EXPLAINING LUKE 24:21

Yahshua had met two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They had been discussing the "things" which had happened. See verse 14. What things? When Yahshua was finally put in the tomb, all the "things" concerning Him were not yet finished. On the next day, the annual Sabbath, notice what happened. Matthew 27:62-66, *"Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and the 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. Pilate said unto them, You have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as you can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting the watch."*

Since these are the last "things" done regarding Yahshua, and they were done on a Thursday, what would be the third day "since" these things were done? The first day of the week, Sunday...Friday, Sabbath, Sunday, Sunday being the third day.

## YAHSHUA WHO?

The real Messiah died on Wednesday and rose the third day on Sabbath afternoon. Paul preached this same Yahshua and also the only sign that He was the true Messiah, that He rose the third day. See I Corinthians 15:3-4. The Jesus of the traditional "Good Friday--Easter Sunday" doctrine is an impostor, a cheap, shoddy, imitation of the **true** Messiah. That false Messiah has been masquerading as the real Yahshua for centuries until most cannot see the REAL Messiah of their Bible. Paul spoke clearly in II Corinthians 11:4 (Amplified) *"...For (you seem readily to endure it) if a man comes and preaches **ANOTHER YAHSHUA** than the One we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the (Spirit) you (once) received, or a different evangel from the one you (then) received and welcomed. You tolerate (all that) well enough."*

LISTEN! How far away from the REAL Messiah do you think we have come in over 1900 years? It is so far that when the **real** Yahshua is preached, most cannot comprehend. We preach the Messiah that died on Wednesday, 31 C.E., and rose the third day near the end of the weekly Sabbath.

But there is ANOTHER MESSIAH being preached today which is an IMPOSTOR! Millions have gone off after this impostor, deceived into thinking he is the real Yahshua. Those who have gone after the impostor include those who shout so loudly, "YAHSHUA IS KING." THEY HAVE THE WRONG ONE!! They are denying the true Yahshua by their works. Notice Titus 1:16, *"They profess that they know Yahweh; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work void of judgment (margin)."*

Yes, the works of the "Good Friday--Easter Sunday" tradition DENY the only **true** Messiah that bought them. It denies the ONE and ONLY SIGN that He declared would prove He was the Messiah. You CANNOT IN A MILLION YEARS count 3 days AND 3 nights from

Friday sunset to Sunday morning. It is IMPOSSIBLE!

The verse also states those following the impostor are "disobedient." That is the "other spirit" of disobedience, the hallmark of today's Churchnity. They refuse and will not DO as Yahshua commanded. The real Messiah is NOT their Master! They hide their eyes from His HOLY SABBATH! (Ezekiel 22:26)

Time is short! You are being called by the one and only REAL Yahshua Messiah, through this ministry as you read this very booklet. Will you respond in a positive way? Will you come to know and love the REAL Yahshua? Be sure to open your Bible to every Scripture quoted, study, and prove, and your faith and assurance will not stand in men, but in the living Eternal.

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