

A Suggested Chronology of Holy Week (JAG Version)

The following chronology seems to me to be way of things – but they are offered only as a suggestion (JAG)

Passover – 6 (Nissan 9) (Saturday) – Shabbat / Jesus arrives in Bethany

John 12: 1

Passover – 5 (Nissan 10) *John 12: 2-3 and 12-19*

(Saturday evening) Jesus anointed by Mary at supper

(Sunday) Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Matthew 21: 1-11 & Daniel 9: 25

Passover – 4* (Nissan 11) (Monday) Fig Tree Cursed, Temple Cleansed

Passover – 3* (Nissan 12) (Tuesday) Teaching in the Temple & Conflict
with the Pharisees & Sadducees

Matthew 21: 18 - 45; 22: 1-14; 22: 15- 23: 36

Passover – 2* (Nissan 13) (Wednesday) Olivet Discourse, Jesus anointed at
Bethany *Matthew 24 - 25, Matthew 26: 6-13*

Passover – 1* (Nissan 14) – Preparation Day for Unleavened Bread

* *Four days of inspection of the lamb (Exodus 12: 3-6)*

(Wednesday evening) The Last Supper

John 13: 1-17 & Matthew 26: 17-30

(Thursday) Arrest and Trial of Jesus

As Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the temple, Jesus
was being crucified - beginning at 9am, dying at 3pm (darkness
from noon to 3pm) *John 19: 1-36 & Matthew 27: 11-55*

Passover (Pesach) (Nissan 15) (Friday) First Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread
Passover Meal is eaten Thursday Evening (at start of Nissan 15)

Passover + 1 (Nissan 16) (Saturday) Shabbat

Passover + 2 (Nissan 17) (Sunday) Resurrection Day – Mary goes to the tomb
very early (while it was still dark) on the morning of 'the first day
of the week' – day after Shabbat *John 20: 1-10*

Jewish days begin and end at sunset (i.e. Passover Day starts at around 6.30 pm on Thursday Evening)

Jewish tradition often counts part of a day as a day in its way of speaking – hence Jesus was in the tomb for '3 days' -
certainly He was in the tomb 3 days and 3 nights (*Matthew 12: 40*) on this chronology

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Nissan 17

Genesis 8: 4	Noah's Ark comes to rest on Mt Ararat
Exodus 3: 18; 5: 3	Moses asks Pharaoh for 3 days journey
Exodus 12: 1-15	The Lamb taken in and inspected for 4 days (Nissan 10) The Lamb slaughtered on the 4 th day (Nissan 14) The Meal with Unleavened Bread
Numbers 33: 1-8	The Red Sea Crossing after 3 days journey (Nissan 17) 14 Evening / Day Passover / Set out from Rameses 15 Evening / Day Camp at Succoth / Set out to Etham 16 Evening / Day Camp at Etham / Set out to Migdol 17 Evening / Day Camp at Migdol / Cross Red Sea
Exodus 12: 40-41	Hebrews entered Egypt, 430 years before deliverance
Leviticus 23: 9-14	The Feast of Firstfruits is Celebrated
Joshua 5: 10-12	The Day of Firstfruits Israel entered the Promised Land and ate of its fruit Manna ceased
2 Chronicles 29: 1-30	Hezekiah restores Temple worship 800 years after entering the land
Esther 3:12; 4:15-5:8; 7:1-8:1	Esther saves the Hebrews from Haman's plot
Matthew 28: 1-8) Resurrection Day
Mark 16: 1-8) Empty Tomb
Luke 24: 1-8) Firstfruits
John 20: 1-18) Nissan 17
1 Corinthians 15: 20-23	Christ is the firstfruits