



- Paul contends that a specific historical event is the basis of Christianity
- If that event is not true, Christianity is not true!
- Christianity is not based on Christ's teaching, character, or the numerous miracles in His life...
- ...but on an event in a garden 2000y ago

"It seems to me inescapable that anyone who chanced to read the pages of the New Testament for the first time would come away with one overwhelming impression, that there is a faith firmly rooted in certain allegedly historical events, a faith which would be false and misleading if those events had not actually taken place, but which - if they did take place is unique in its relevance and exclusive in its demands of our allegiance"

 Dr J.N.D. Anderson (professor of oriental law & director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies - University of London)

"Everything that Jesus Christ taught, lived and died for depended upon His resurrection...

Almost all other religions are based upon a theological dictum or ideology, not upon the historical fact of its founder's identity or an event in time and space"

Josh McDowell – author of Evidence That Demands a Verdict

"Whether the resurrection of Jesus took place or not is a historical question, and the historical question at this point is inescapable"

- Wolfhart Pannenberg - University of Munich, Germany

"The problem... then, must be solved in the realm of historical investigation, not in the realm of philosophical speculation"

Dr John Warwick Montgomery

"After more than 700 hours of studying this subject, and thoroughly investigating its foundation, I have come to the conclusion that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the most wicked, vicious, heartless hoaxes ever foisted upon the minds of men, or it is the most fantastic fact of history"

## Josh McDowell

"Professor McDowell, why can't you intellectually refute Christianity?"

"For a very simple reason. I am not able to explain away an event in history - the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

# Contradiction in the Gospels?

Do the Gospel account contradict each other?

# Summary of the Gospel of John

- Chapters 1-11 cover around 3 ½ years of the life and ministry of Jesus
  - John presents Jesus as the 'Word of God'
  - God manifest in human form
  - John gives us the build up and background for the Jewish antagonism toward Christ (Jn 10:33)
  - 'because thou, being a man, makest thyself God'
- Chapters 12-20 cover just one week
  - Passion Week
  - The most important week in human history
- Chapter 21 gives us our 'post script'

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Truly He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29)

John 12:1-2

Then Jesus six days

before the passover came to

Bethany, where Lazarus was

which had been dead, whom

he raised from the dead.

There they made him a supper

(i.e an evening meal)

NB: 'Passover' here is used to

denote the "festival" period

commencing the 15th, not

the supper on the 14th.

John 13:1

So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.

It is also used this way in

10th Begins

11th Begins Mark 11:11b And now the eventide was come, he went out unto

Bethany with the twelve.

temple; and when he had

looked round about upon all

things....

12th Begins Mark 11:19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.



"So the evening and the morning were the first day"

(Gen 1:5)

Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes

through to the following sundown, i.e. Evening then

morning representing a complete 24 hour day.

13th Begins

unleavened bread; and the

chief priests and the scribes

sought how they might take

him by craft, and put him to

death.

Mark here referrers to the

feast/festival starting from the

15th (which was the first day

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John 13:1-2

Now before the feast of the

he should depart out of this

world unto the Father,.....

And supper being ended,

the heart of Judas Iscariot.

Simon's son, to betray him;

15th & the feast

Mary pours costly oil on Jesus' feet & anoints His head; Judas, incensed, decides to go to the chief priests. A plot is hatched and planned for the following evening - only 24 hours from start to finish.

bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said 7 passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that we go and .... eat the passover? .....And in the evening he cometh with the the devil having now put into eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. 1 2 3 4 5 6

14th Begins

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the

passover? And he said. Go

into the city to such a man,

and say unto him. The Master

saith, My time is at hand; I will

keep the passover at thy

house with my disciples. And

the disciples did as Jesus had

appointed them; and they

made ready the passover.

Mark 14:12-18

And the first day of unleavened unto him, Where wilt thou that welve. And as they sat and did

.....2 15th Begins

And now when the even was

come, because it was the

preparation, that is, the day

before the sabbath, Joseph

of Arimathaea, and

honourable counseller, which

also waited for the kingdom

of God, came, and went in

boldly unto Pilate, and craved

the body of Jesus.

1st Might

2nd Might

16th Begins

Deut 16:16

"Three times in a year shall all

thy males appear before the

LORD thy God in the place

which he shall choose; in the

feast of unleavened bread,

and in the feast of weeks, and

in the feast of tabernacles"

(See also Exodus 23:14-15)

1st Day

17th begins 3rd Night

again. Command therefore

that the seculcher 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.

and Day

Matt 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth

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The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I

preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"(1 Cor 15:1-4)

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the rising of the sun.

Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him; and the third day he shall rise again

3rd Day

18th Begins

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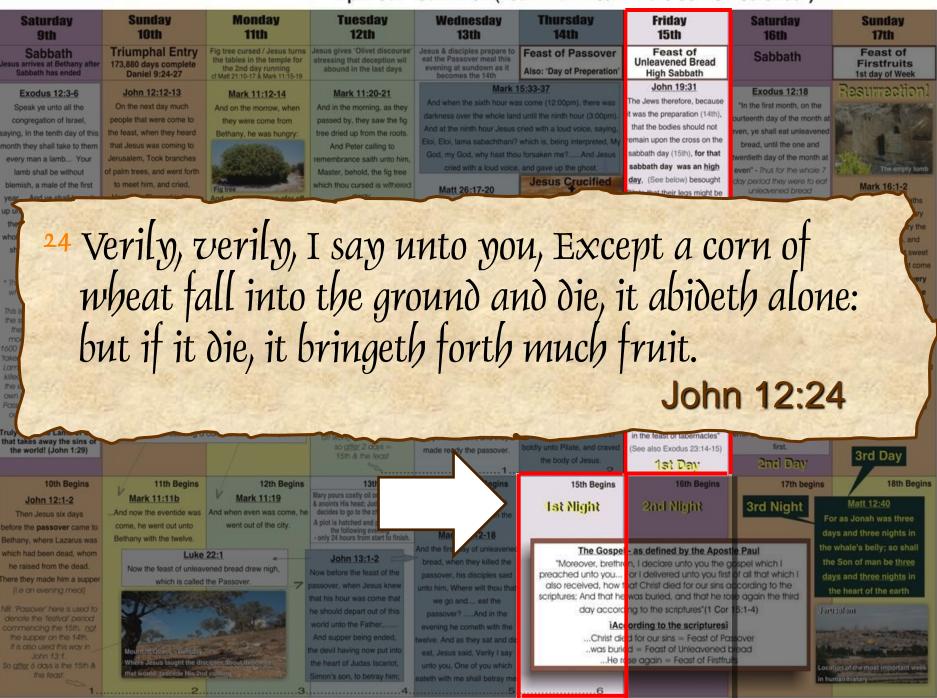
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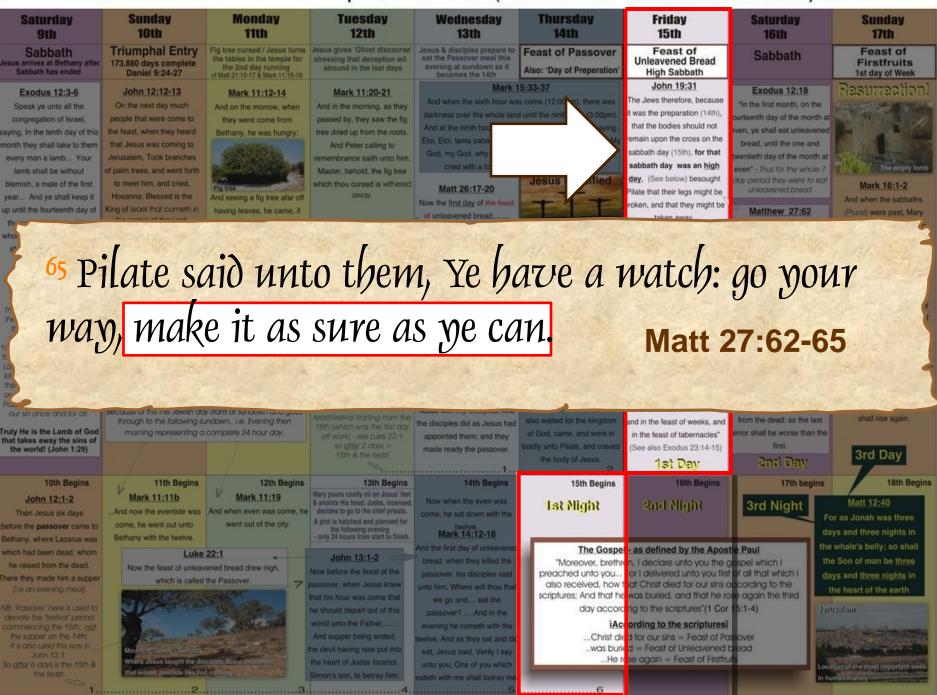
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### Sabbath has ended

Saturday

9th

#### Sabbath Jesus arrives at Bethany after 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27

## the 2nd day running of Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19 John 12:12-13

### Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for

Monday

11th

Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days

Tuesday

12th

### Wednesday 13th Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this

## 14th

Thursday

## Feast of Passover Also: 'Day of Preperation'

Jesus Crucified

"Paid in full..." 3:00pm

Luke 23:53-54

And he took [the body of

Jesus] down, and wrapped it

in linen, and laid it in a

sepulcher .....And that day

was the preparation, and the

sabbath drew on.

Mark 15:42-43

And now when the even was

come, because it was the

preparation, that is, the day

before the sabbath, Joseph

of Arimathaea, and

honourable counseller, which

also waited for the kingdom

of God, came, and went in

boldly unto Pilate, and craved

the body of Jesus.

1st Might

15th Begins

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#### 15th Feast of

Friday

## Unleavened Bread High Sabbath

### 16th Sabbath

**Exodus 12:18** 

"In the first month, on the

ourteenth day of the month at

even, ve shall eat unleavened

bread, until the one and

twentieth day of the month at

even" - Thus for the whole 7

day period they were to eat

unleavened bread

Matthew 27:62

Now the next day (15th), that

followed the day of the

preparation (that being the

14th), the chief priests and

Pharisees came together

Saturday

#### Feast of Firstfruits 1st day of Week

Pasurraction!

Mark 16:1-2

And when the sabbaths

(Plural) were 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.

Mark 10:34

And they shall mock him, and

shall scourge him, and shall

spit upon him, and shall kill

him; and the third day he

shall rise again

Sunday

17th

#### Exodus 12:3-6

evenings]\*

which means 'between'

This is another evidence of

the supernatural design of

the Bible. Just as in this

model, laid down some

the evenings, shedding His

own blood to become our

Passover Lamb, atoning for

our sin once and for all.

Truly He is the Lamb of God

that takes away the sins of

the world! (John 1:29)

Then Jesus six days

before the passover came to

Bethany, where Lazarus was

which had been dead, whom

he raised from the dead.

There they made him a supper

(i.e an evening meal)

NB: 'Passover' here is used to

denote the "festival" period

commencing the 15th, not

the supper on the 14th.

John 13:1

So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.

It is also used this way in

10th Begins

Speak ye unto all the On the next day much congregation of Israel, people that were come to saying, In the tenth day of this the feast, when they heard month they shall take to them that Jesus was coming to every man a lamb... Your Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the year... And ye shall keep it King of Israel that cometh in up until the fourteenth day of the name of the Lord. the same month: and the whole congregation of Israel shall kill is [between the

#### Mark 11:10-11a

Sunday

10th

Triumphal Entry

.Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that The Hebrew word is 'Beyn' cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had 600 years before. Jesus was looked round about upon all taken' on the 10th, and as a Lamb without blemish, was things.... killed on the 14th between

#### Mark 11:12-14

And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry

And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it.



"So the evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen 1:5)

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#### Mark 11:20-21

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to

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#### becomes the 14th Mark 15:33-37

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#### Matt 26:17-20

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread. See Ex 12:18 (above right)

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Jesus, saying unto him,

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passover? And he said. Go

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#### Mark 14:1

After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread; and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

Mark here referrers to the feast/festival starting from the 15th (which was the first day aff work) - see Luke 22:1 so after 2 days = 15th & the feast

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#### 14th Begins

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#### John 19:31

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day, (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be

broken, and that they might be taken away.

#### Lev 23:5-7

"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD\*

Deut 16:16 "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15) 1st Day

2nd Might

16th Begins

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 seculcher 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. and Day

3rd Day

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18th Begins

#### 17th begins

## 3rd Night

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth

Matt 12:40

#### iAccording to the scripturesi

..was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread ... He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits

### Mark 11:19

And when even was come, he

went out of the city.

12th Begins

#### Mark 11:11b John 12:1-2

And now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

11th Begins

## Luke 22:1

Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.



#### John 13:1-2

1 2 3 4 5 6

Now before the feast of the 7 passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father,..... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot. Simon's son, to betray him;

13th Begins

#### The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"(1 Cor 15:1-4)

... Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover

# The Gospel

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 1 Cor 15:1-4

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- Christ died Passover
- Was Buried Unleavened Bread
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According to the Scriptures...

# A New Beginning

<sup>2</sup> The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty

days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

Months	Old	New	Equivalent
Tishri, (Ethanim)	1	7	Sept/Oct
Cheshvan, (Bul)	2	8	Oct/Nov
Chisleu	3	9	Nov/Dec
Tevet	4	10	Dec/Jan
Sh'vat	5	11	Jan/Feb
Adar	6	12	Feb/March
Nisan, (Aviv)	7	1	March/April
llyar, (Zif)	8	2	April/May
Sivan	9	3	May/June
Tammuz	10	4	June/July
Av	11	5	July/August
Elul	12	6	August/Sept

#### Thursday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday Saturday Sunday 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 17th 16th Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' Triumphal Entry Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this Feast of Sabbath Feast of Passover Feast of Sabbath the tables in the temple for stressing that deception will **Unleavened Bread** Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended 173,880 days complete Firstfruits evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th the 2nd day running of Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19 abound in the last days Also: 'Day of Preperation' High Sabbath Daniel 9:24-27 1st day of Week John 19:31 Mark 15:33-37 Resurrection **Exodus 12:18** John 12:12-13 Exodus 12:3-6 Mark 11:12-14 Mark 11:20-21 The Jews therefore, because And when the sixth hour was come (12:00pm), there was "In the first month, on the On the next day much Speak ye unto all the And in the morning, as they And on the morrow, when it was the preparation (14th) ourteenth day of the month a congregation of Israel, people that were come to they were come from passed by, they saw the fig that the bodies should not even, ye shall eat unleavened the feast, when they heard saying, In the tenth day of this Bethany, he was hungry tree dried up from the roots. Gol, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My remain upon the cross on the bread, until the one and month they shall take to them that Jesus was coming to And Peter calling to sabbath day (15th), for that twentieth day of the month at every man a lamb... Your Jerusalem, Took branches remembrance saith unto him. sabbath day was an high cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. even" - Thus for the whole ? f palm trees, and went forth Master, behold, the fig tree lamb shall be without day, (See below) besought **Jesus Crucified** which thou cursed is withered blemish, a male of the first to meet him, and cried, Mark 16:1-2 Matt 26:17-20 Pilate that their legs might be Hosanna: Blessed is the away. year... And ye shall keep it And seeing a fig tree afar off And when the sabbaths Now the first day of the least broken, and that they might be (ing of Israel that cometh in up until the fourteenth day of having leaves, he came, if Matthew 27:62 (Plural) were past, Mary of unleavened bread... taken away. the name of the Lord. the same month: and the haply he might find any thing Now the next day (15th), that Magdalene, and Mary the Luke 23:53-54 Lev 23:5-7 whole congregation of Israel thereon: and when he came followed the day of the mother of James, and shall kill is [between the In both of these verses, the words 'the feast of' "In the fourteenth day of the Mark 11:10-11a to it, he found nothing but preparation (that being the Salome, had bought sweet have been added by the translators, they are evenings]\* ...Blessed be the kingdom leaves; for the time of figs first month at even is the 14th), the chief priests and spices, that they might come not in the original and can be misleading. of our father David, that was not yet. And Jesus in linen, and laid it in a ORD's Passover. And on the Pharisees came together and anoint him. And very cometh in the name of the answered and said unto it, fifteenth day of the same unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we early in the morning the .....The disciples came to No man eat fruit of thee as the preparation, and the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. month is the feast of remember that that deceiver first day of the week, they Mark 14:1 Jesus, saying unto him, And Jesus entered into unleavened bread unto the said, while he was yet alive. came unto the sepulcher at After two days was the feast Where wilt thou that we Jerusalem, and into the Mark 15:42-43 After three days I will rise the rising of the sun. of the passover, and of prepare for thee to eat the model, laid down some temple; and when he had Deut 16:16 again. Command therefore unleavened bread; and the passover? And he said, Go looked round about upon all Mark 10:34 that the sepulcher be made come, because it was the "Three times in a year shall a chief priests and the scribes into the city to such a man, things... sure until the third day, lest And they shall mock him, and thy males appear before the sought how they might take and say unto him. The Master shall scourge him, and shall his disciples come by night, LORD thy God in the place him by craft, and put him to saith, My time is at hand; I will "So the evening and the morning were the first day" and steal him away, and say spit upon him, and shall kill which he shall choose; in the death. keep the passover at thy him; and the third day he feast of unleavened bread, unto the people, He is riser house with my disciples. And our sin ance and for all. Because of this the Jewish day starts at sundown and goes shall rise again. from the dead: so the last through to the following sundown. i.e. Evening then the disciples did as Jesus had and in the feast of weeks, an Truly He is the Lamb of God morning representing a complete 24 hour day. error shall be worse than the in the feast of tabernacles" appointed them; and they that takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29) made ready the passover. 3rd Day 2nd Day 1st Day 18th Begins 10th Begins 11th Begins 12th Begins 13th Begins 14th Begins 15th Begins 16th Begins 17th begins Mary pours costly oil on Jesus' feet & anoints His head; Judas, incensed, Mark 11:19 Mark 11:11b John 12:1-2 1st Might 3rd Night Matt 12:40 .And now the eventide was And when even was come, he decides to go to the chief priests. Then Jesus six days as Jonah was three A plot is hatched and planned for went out of the city. come, he went out unto before the passover came to the following evening only 24 hours from start to finish. Mark 14:12-18 Bethany with the twelve. Bethany, where Lazarus was And the first day of unleavened The Gospel - as defined by the Apo stle Paul which had been dead, whom Luke 22:1 John 13:1-2 "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I he raised from the dead. Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, preached unto you... For I delivered unto you fi at of all that which I There they made him a supper which is called the Passover. also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the unto him, Where will thou that scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he ose again the third we go and.... eat the day according to the scriptures"(1 Ct r 15:1-4) passover? .....And in the iAccording to the scripture And supper being ended. ... Christ died for our sins = Feast of F assover .was buried = Feast of Unleavener bread .He rose again = Feast of First uits the heart of Judas Iscariot. unto you, One of you which that would precede His 2nd col in h



Chapter 20

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

John 20:1

- Luke adds that Mary the mother of James, Joanna
- Mark adds that Salome was there too
- Discrepancy?
- This attests to the historical accuracy

## Mark

- 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.
- <sup>2</sup> And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
- 3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

Mark 16:1-3

## Matthew

- <sup>2</sup> And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
- <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
- 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Matt 28:2-4

## Mark

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

Mark 16:4

# Matthew

- 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
- <sup>6</sup> He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matt 28:5-6

## Luke

3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 24:3

#### Mark

- 5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
- 6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

Mark 16:5-8

#### Mark

- 7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.
- 8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

  Mark 16:5-8

- 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
- 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
- <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Luke 24:4-9

- 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
- 8 And they remembered his words,
- 9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

Luke 24:4-9

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Luke 24:4-9

<sup>2</sup> Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

John 20:2

- <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.
- And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

  Luke 24:10-11

- 3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.
- 4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.
- 5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

John 20:3-5

- <sup>6</sup> Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,
- 7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.
- 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

John 20:6-8

- 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
- Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.
- "But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

  John 20:9-11

- And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
- And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.
- 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

  John 20:12-14

- "Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.
- Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

John 20:15-16

If Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

John 20:17

## Matthew

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.
Matt 28:9

## Matthew

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Matt 28:10

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

John 20:18

## **Key Points**

- The women were the first to the guarded tomb
- The morning after the Sabbaths (1st opportunity)
- An angel descended & moved the stone
- The guards 'freeze' in fear
- The women are encouraged to look inside
- Jesus' body is not there
- Another 'angel' reminds them what Jesus said
- They are then told to go and tell His disciples...
- And Peter!

## The Power of Words

Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith I am not.

John 18:17

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matt 12:37

## **Key Points**

- The women then flee from the tomb
  - Because of the whole experience
  - Also because the guards...
  - ...Who go to the high priest & report back (Matt 28:11)
- They head back to where the disciples were
- But as they leave they encounter two men
- Dr Luke tells us specifically they were men
- Who were they? Why were they there?
- Two = witness a clue?

## Two Men

15 ... at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

**Deuteronomy 19:15** 

- Two Men:
- Acts 1:10 two men in bright apparel
- Luke 9:30-32 Mt. of Transfiguration

#### Two Men

- 3º And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
- Who appeared in glory and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
- But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

Luke 9:30-32

## **Key Points**

- Mary (being much younger) arrives back first...
- ...then the other women
- Peter and John go to investigate
  - This was a dangerous mission
  - What about the guards?
- John tells us he can run faster than Peter!...
- And arrives first, seeing the grave clothes
- Peter then arrives and goes straight in
  - No concern about defilement for him now
  - He had nothing left to lose!
- Peter notices, John records, the napkin

- Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?
- Is it really significant?
- Yes!

 In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it.

 The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.

 Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm finished."

- But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because......
- The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back."

- Anon

## **Key Points**

- 'John believed' (cf. v8 & v9)
- Not the resurrection, but that the body had gone
- Peter & John then return 'home'...
- ... But the women remain
  - The guard having disappeared
- Mary once again looks into the tomb...
- ... and is greeted by two angels
- Asking 'Why are you weeping'?

# Why Weep?

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose

Romans 8:28

# Why Weep?

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

## Two Seconds

It is only the loyal soul who believes that God engineers circumstances. We take such liberties with our circumstances, we do not believe God engineers them, although we say we do; we treat the things that happen as if they were engineered by men. To be faithful in every circumstance means that we have only one loyalty, and that is to our Lord.

#### Two Seconds

Suddenly God breaks up a particular set of circumstances, and the realisation comes that we have been disloyal to Him by not recognising that He had organised them. We never saw what He was after, and that particular thing will never be repeated all the days of our life. The test of loyalty always comes just there. If we learn to worship God in the trying circumstances, He will alter them in two seconds when He chooses.

#### - Oswald Chambers

## **Key Points**

- Jesus then reveals Himself to Mary
  - Nothing had changed except Mary's perception
- Then Jesus meets the other women en route
- He bids them to hurry and tell the rest, and that He will meet them in Galilee

#### Why hurry?

 Because even now a rumour was circulating in Jerusalem:

# The Official Story

- "... behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.
- 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,
- Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

Matt 28:11-15

# The Official Story

- 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.
- To so they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

  Matt 28:11-15

## Fact of History

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the

third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

1 Cor 15:3-20

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the

apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

- 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

- 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.
- Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

- 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
- 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.
- 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
- 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
- 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

  1 Cor 15:3-20

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:3

#### Most Miserable

How do mainline Protestant clergy stand on theological issues such as biblical infallibility? Many take a decidedly nonconformist view, according to a survey of 7,441 ministers conducted by sociologist Jeffrey Haden.

Here are the percentages of ministers who answered "No" to the following questions, by denomination:

#### Most Miserable

Question: Do you accept Jesus' physical resurrection as a fact?

Methodist ministers 51%

Episcopalian ministers 35

American Baptist ministers 33%

Presbyterian ministers, 30%

American Lutheran ministers, 13%

Lord Lyndhurst (1772-1863), recognised as one of the greatest legal minds in British history wrote:

"I know pretty well what evidence is; and I tell you, such evidence as that for the Resurrection has never broken down yet."

Sir Edward Clarke a respected lawyer, said the following:

"As a lawyer I have made a prolonged study of the evidence for the events of the first Easter Day. To me the evidence is conclusive, and over and over again in the High Court I have secured the verdict on evidence not nearly so compelling."

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

John 20:19

- 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.
- Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
- 22 And when he had said this he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

John 20:20-22

Born Again!

# Living Soul

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**Genesis 2:7** 

#### **Dead Soul**

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:17

# Re-Born Spirit

Printhermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Hebrews 12:9

Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

John 20:23

- This is not power for us to remit sins directly
- Only God through Christ can do that!
- This follows the giving of the Holy Spirit...
- "The disciples were to go out in the power of the Spirit to testify to the resurrection of Jesus. Any who would respond to the teaching of the disciples, their sins would be remitted. But those who rejected the gospel, their sins would be retained"

- 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

John 20:24-25

The natural man... 1 Cor 2:14

- 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.
- Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

  John 20:26-27

- 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
- <sup>29</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

John 20:28-29

- Seeing is believing?
- Believing is seeing!

- There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

  Luke 16:19-31

- And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

  Luke 16:19-31

Insatiable thirst!

- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
- 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

  Luke 16:19-31

- 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
- <sup>28</sup> For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
- <sup>29</sup> Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Luke 16:19-31

- 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:19-31

### Evangelistic Conundrum

- We have all this evidence...
- We can prove the Bible is God's Word
- We can demonstrate the resurrection is a fact of history
- We can show that there are no contradictions
- We can remove all barriers except one...
- The heart of the problem is the problem of the human heart!

## **Evangelistic Mandate**

- We have one weapon that is a match for all the assaults & vain imaginations of the enemy...
- Holiness

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:14

### Evangelistic Mandate

 The world has yet to see what God can do through a life that is completely yielded to Him.

 The evidence of a changed life, lived in holiness to the LORD is the greatest witness that can be offered.

