

## The Feast of Passover (Day 10 of 10)

### *Biblical Prophecy Fulfilled Timeline of Events*

#### The Passover Overview He Is Alive

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*“Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ‘When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.’”*

Leviticus 23:10-11

#### On the tenth day:

##### Saturday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 17<sup>th</sup>) – 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week – Sabbath

- The weekly Sabbath continues.
- Jesus spends His **third day**<sup>1</sup> in the grave.

##### Saturday Nighttime (Abib/Nisan 18<sup>th</sup>) – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week

- The first day of the week begins.
- The Feast of First Fruits begins.<sup>2</sup>
- The priests cut down the first sheaves of grain harvested from the fields and make a wave offering of it before God.
- During the night the sheaves of the grain offering are ground into fine flour for the wave offering of “the Omer” the next morning.
- An earthquake occurs during the night, when the angel rolls away the stone from Jesus’ tomb.<sup>3</sup> Jesus rises from the dead.

##### Sunday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 18<sup>th</sup>) – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week

- The women arrive at the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body with the spices they had purchased after the Sabbath but He is not there . . . the tomb is empty.
- Peter and John go to the empty tomb.
- Mary encounters Jesus at the tomb but thinks he is the gardener until He speaks to her.
- At about 9:00 am in the Temple the priests are making the wave offering of “the Omer” of flour to God. This is the offering of the First Fruits. Up to this point in time no one in Israel is allowed to eat anything made out of grains.
- Wave offering of the unleavened bread.
- That afternoon Jesus walks with two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. One of them is Jesus’ uncle Clopas, the brother of Joseph. Neither of the disciples recognizes Jesus until He breaks bread with them.

#### Reflection Reading tenth day:

*“But, as it is written, ‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him’ – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand*

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<sup>1</sup> This is to fulfill Jesus prophecies. “For just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” (Matthew 12:40) “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again” (Matthew 27:63) If Jesus had been crucified on Friday as tradition holds He could not have fulfilled the prophecies accurately. Even the best case scenario which counts Jesus being in the grave during the day on Friday and raised from the dead just after 6:00 am on Sunday morning would only be three days and two nights.

<sup>2</sup> It is the Feast of First Fruits, the day on which Christ was raised from the dead that Christians celebrate and call Easter Sunday. According to Leviticus 23:11 this feast day always fell on the first day of the week following Passover.

<sup>3</sup> The reference for this is Matthew 28:2-4.



*the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.”*

**1 Corinthians 2:9-13**

*“as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”*

**2 Corinthians 4:18**

## Prayer on the tenth day:

### Daily Exercise - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a Latin term that means “divine reading.” It is a way or method of reading the Scriptures in such a manner that facilitates the reader in receiving a “specific word” from God. The practice was developed early in the church’s history with Origen first expressing its principles around 220 AD. The system consists of four parts: reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. It may be practiced privately or in a small group setting. There are four elements to be considered in preparing for this exercise:

1. Set aside enough time to complete the exercise so that you don’t have to rush through it. Usually thirty minutes is adequate.
2. Find a quiet place free of distractions.
3. Read the Selected Passage Above of Scripture.
4. Transition from what you have been doing by calming you mind and body. This can be done by taking a few slow, deep breaths and inviting the Lord to speak to you through His word.

### Reading

1. Read the passage aloud slowly a couple of times.
2. Be silent for one-to-two minutes.
3. Is there a word or phrase that is meaningful to you?
4. Repeat the word or phrase several times silently as if to memorize it.

\* If in a group, share it in turn. Do not elaborate simply state what it is.

### Meditation

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Think about how the reading applies or touches your life today.

\* If in a group, share it in turn. Briefly state “I hear, I see, I feel ...”

### Prayer

1. Talk with God about what he is showing you.

\* If in a group, pray quietly.

### Contemplation

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Reflect on “I believe God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ today/this week/etc.”

\* If in a group, share in turn. At this point you can elaborate somewhat on what you believe God is telling you to do.

## Study on the tenth day:

### The Road to Emmaus, Receive the Holy Spirit – Lesson 57

*“They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.*

*And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying,*

***“The Lord has risen indeed!”***

**Luke 24:33**

