

# Was the RESURRECTION on SUNDAY Morning?

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“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn on the first day of the week, Miryam from Magdala and the other Miryam came to see the tomb.” Mattithyahu 28:1 *The Scriptures*

“Now late on Sabbath, as it was getting dusk toward (the) first (day) of (the) week, came Mary the Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher” Matt.28: 1 *Interlinear Greek-English NT*

On “Easter”-Ishtar morning millions of “Xtians” will be celebrating at SUNrise services commemorating the resurrection of their “Christ Jesus”. But did Yahshua, the Jewish Messiah really rise from the dead on SUNDAY morning as has been taught by the “kirche”. Let us examine the Scriptures from a Hebrew perspective and find out the truth amid all this deception.

First, let us say that Yahshua was NOT impaled on Good Friday as taught by the Roman system. Yahshua was impaled on the stake on Wednesday morning at 9:00a.m. He gave up His spirit into the hands of the Father at 3:00 p.m. If the Last Supper was on Tuesday evening, then on Wednesday when the Passover lambs were being slaughtered, Yahshua was killed on the stake. By the time the Jews were sitting at their Seder on Wednesday evening, Yahshua was in the tomb. For three whole days and nights He would remain in the tomb. This was THE SIGN OF Yonah that Yahshua spoke of in Matt.12: 38-40, Yonah 1:17.

- 17But YHWH appointed a great fish to swallow Yonah. And Yonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights. Yonah 1:17
- 39But He answering, said to them, “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Yonah. 40 “For as Yonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the great fish, so shall the Son of Adam be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.Matt.12:39-40

Yahshua was laid in the tomb just prior to sunset Wednesday (Passover).If one can count to three, and then we arrive at a resurrection just at the END of the weekly Shabbat or Saturday evening at twilight. This was the exact time the wave sheaf was being cut or the **FIRSTFRUIT OFFERING TO YAHWEH THAT YEAR! Lev.23: 10**. Rav Shaul said the Messiah has become the **FIRSTFRUITS** of those who have fallen asleep in 1Cor.15: 20. In his book “*The Life and Times of J-sus the Messiah*” Alfred Edersheim (a Messianic Jew) tells us that the Passover wave sheaf was reaped the evening before it was offered .On Abib 14 the sheaf was already marked out and tied together in a bundle, still standing. Then ON the HIGH SHABBAT, just as the sun went down, three men, set to work cutting the sheaf. It can easily be long after sundown (especially on a full moon) when Shabbat actually begins and three stars are seen. Also, since this is a priesthood function, it is legal to perform it on Shabbat.

But, some protest that the Scriptures say it was at dawn on the first day of the week! This is a mistranslation of the verse involved. The KEY is the Greek word: *epiphosko* #2020 in *Strongs* meaning “to grow light, to dawn, to draw on.” This would seem to indicate a SUNDAY morning resurrection. This word is also used in Luke 23:54 and is translated “drew near”.

- Now after the Sabbath, toward dawn on the first day of the week<sup>1</sup> 1, Miryam from Magdala and the other Miryam came to see the tomb.Matt.28:1
- 54 And it was Preparation day, and the Sabbath was approaching. Luke 23:54
- **G2020** *epiphōskō ep-ee-foce'-ko* A form of G2017; to begin to *grow light*: - begin to dawn, draw on.

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<sup>1</sup> **First Day of the week:** The underlying Greek text is “*mia ton sabbaton*”, which when literally translated means “one of the sabbath/s”, but is traditionally rendered as “first day of the week.” The term “first day of the week” is literally translated as “*proté hemera tis hebdomata*” in Greek, but nowhere appears as such in the N.T. There is a strong argument that “*mia ton sabbaton*” should be rendered according to Semitic idiom as “day one of the week”, and we have decided to retain the traditional rendering as “first day of the week”, in Scripture passages such as Mt. 28:1, Lk. 24:1, Yn. 20:1 etc., unless further light to the contrary is forthcoming.,

Since Shabbat begins at SUNDOWN, it is IMPOSSIBLE for anyone to say this word in this verse means, “to dawn”. No, just as Shabbat drew near in Luke 23:54 so the first day of the week drew near in Matt.28: 1 or it was Saturday evening! Let us get a second witness to this truth! Look in Yochanan (John) 20:1,”

- **‘On the first *day* (the added word by the translators) of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb.’**

This was NOT SUNDAY morning, as it was still dark. The sun had already set and it was in the beginning hours of the new day and the new week, probably around 8 P.M. Yahshua was already raised from the grave and it was Saturday night!

**SUMMARY:** If we are diligent students of the Scriptures we can see through all the lies and deceptions that the Roman system has propagated for all these centuries and the daughters have accepted as truth. They have robbed Yahshua of the ONE SIGN that He said proved He was the Messiah of Yisrael! We as Messianic Yisrael do not need a substitute called “Easter-Ishtar/Ashtarte” to understand the TRUTH of the resurrection of our Messiah Yahshua from the tomb. Yahweh has given all the types, symbols, and shadows of Messiah in the Torah for us as Yisrael to be pointed to Yahshua as the Messiah. Yahshua is the goal of the Torah!