

“First Fruits / Resurrection Day!”

Matthew 28:1-10

Mark 16:1-8

Mark is the only gospel account that uses the word sun in the Interlinear bible. Mark 16:2 when the sun had risen. Otherwise I would be 100% convinced that this all took place Saturday evening after Shabbat, rather than Sunday morning.

Luke 24:1-12

John 11:25-27 I am the resurrection!

John 20:1-9

One thing I do get from the gospels is that the day of First Fruits or Resurrection Day is the first day of the week! Which makes sense to me seeing that Yeshua is the first-born of all Creation.- Colossians 1:13-23

There seems to be confusion in the greek between the word weeks and Sabbath- both showing up as G4521 which is Sabbatone from H7676 meaning the weekly Shabbat. The gospel Matthew uses Sabbath when it should be weeks, and the gospel John uses Sabbaths when it should be weeks.

First Fruits was **fulfilled** in Yeshua's resurrection. He is the first fruit, the first-born as it says in Colossians and Hebrews. Or as it says in the first Word of Torah-Beresheet = The Son comes from God as a dignified ruler, running to the poor man, who lends his ear and opens the door to God.

In the Old Testament first fruits was symbolized in the bringing of the first fruits of the barley harvest as a wave offering to God (**Leviticus 23:9-16**). Interestingly Yeshua was resurrected on the day of the offering of first fruits- the day after the Sabbath- yes, resurrection Day! (**ICor.15:20-28**)!

The feast of first fruits was a type and foreshadowing of the Resurrection of the Messiah!

Yeshua is the first fruit, He is the first to be resurrected from the dead and to never die again!

It's also important to understand that Yah calls a day evening to evening in Leviticus 23:32. Also in Genesis there was evening, and there was morning,

one day. So in Hebrew thought a day goes from sunset to sunset, evening to evening! It is very possible that Yeshua rose from the grave at the beginning of first fruits, which is Saturday evening at Sunset!

Also First Fruits begins day one of the counting of the omer as prescribed in Leviticus 23:15,16.

The counting of the omer begins on first fruits which is the day after the weekly Sabbath; not the Sabbath of Unleavened Bread.

I think First Fruits is in the context of a commanded assembly in Leviticus 23:2,9-16 Besides you would have to assemble to bring the offerings required anyway! And what better day to assemble together on to celebrate the day that is the true mark of what we believe in- The Resurrection of Messiah!

I don't know how Christianity comes up with 3 days and 3 nights of Messiah being dead, by saying 'good Friday' is the day he died? Friday night, Saturday night- he rose Sunday morning- That's only 2 nights people!!!

History records Passover on Wednesday in the Year that Yeshua died! If Passover was on Wednesday- then Yeshua ate his seder meal Tuesday night; was crucified on Wednesday and put in the grave before sunset. Wednesday night, Thursday night, Friday night- he was in the grave and rose at sundown on the end of Shabbat and the beginning of First Fruits- Saturday evening. He was in the grave 3 days- Thursday, Friday, Saturday! That lines up with history, with prophecy of 3 days and 3 nights in the grave, and with Yah's appointed times!

Leviticus 23:5-16 So you have **Passover** which is a type of **redemption or salvation**. Just as they applied the Lambs blood to the doorposts of their house and that night was the beginning of months to them; so the moment a soul accepts Yeshua as its Savior, that moment it is "born again", and a new life begins, for Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us.

Then the feast of **Unleavened Bread** is a type of the "**Walk**" of the Believer, and there should be no interval between the salvation of a soul and its entrance on a holy life and walk.

Messiah is the first fruit of all creation, but we are His first fruits. At some point He will **resurrect us** to be with Him forever! Because we are His **first fruits!** We need

to be prepared to meet the Lord! He has gone to prepare a place for us! But He is returning for a people who are walking according to His Word!

Gods expectation is for us to become Holy as He is Holy. We need to strive to put sin out of our lives. Yet we can only do this through the power of Yeshua in us! Will power, will only get you so far, Gods power will get you all the way! We need to become who God wants us to be so we can do what God wants us to do. There should be a before and after picture in our lives. This is what I looked like before I accepted Yeshua as my Lord and Savior, and this is what I look like now with Yeshua as my Lord and Savior!

Romans 16:5; I Cor.16:15; Paul refers to people as first fruits

James 1:17,18 we are His first fruits

Revelation 14:4- a picture of men being first fruit unto Yeshua and the Father. Yeshua is the first fruit from the dead– the first to resurrect from the dead and never die again! Not only does Yeshua represent the First Fruit, the resurrection, but we also too one day shall be His first fruit and be resurrected our selves!

Do you ever wonder what Yeshua was doing when He was buried?

Colossians 2:13-15 I imagine a huge gathering of heavenly realms with the saints of God and the Angels and all the host of heaven watching as Yeshua went and took the keys of death (Revelation 1:18) from the devil and all his evil host and paraded them around making a **public display** of them. **The transaction of the redemption** must have been an awesome sight!

I think Yeshua also entered into **paradise** and released all who were there and took them up into heaven with Him. Where he ascended to 40 days later! Paradise being the holding place for the saints of God, like Abrahams bosom in the story of the rich man and Lazarus – Luke 16:22.

Luke 23:43 paradise= Eden, a place of happiness **Matthew 27:50-53**

I think there already was a resurrection of the saints of God, at the time of Yeshua's resurrection and that might be the cloud of witnesses we are surrounded by that is mentioned in Hebrews 12.

So as we celebrate Resurrection Day, First Fruits, let's walk in a manner worthy of the calling on our lives! The great news is Yeshua is resurrected, He is the resurrection! Putting your trust in Him is Gods plan of redemption for you, it's Gods

plan of salvation for you. But that is just the starting line, you must walk in obedience to His Word, His way, and get the leaven out.

The bad news is if you reject Gods plan of salvation, then you are choosing to spend eternity in Hell, a place of torment! Yeshua said, I am the way... and the way is narrow and few find it!

If you hear God calling you to Him today, don't hesitate, don't wait, come to Him and commit your ways to Him.