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Jesus Christ, The Messiah, arose on the Biblical Feast of the LORD of Firstfruits, not Rome's "Easter ".

Christ celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples in the evening at the beginning of Passover (Matthew 26:17-20, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108/>](http://bartleby.com/108/)).

[The Biblical "day" begins at sundown: "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:5, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108/>](http://bartleby.com/108/)]

Passover night Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was arrested and unjustly tried, beaten, and delivered over by Pontius Pilate to be crucified. He was scourged, mocked, spat upon, and struck on the head. He was taken to Golgotha to be crucified (Matthew chapters 26 and 27, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108/>](http://bartleby.com/108/)).

During Passover day, Jesus was crucified at "the third hour" (Mark 15:24, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108/>](http://bartleby.com/108/)). The third hour would be 9

AM.

"And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **E'lo-i, E'lo-i, lama sabach'thani?** which is, being interpreted, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**" (Mark 15:34, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)). The ninth hour would be 3 PM.

"And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God." (Mark 15:37-39, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)).

So Jesus died approx. 3 PM on Passover Day, the day following the evening Passover meal.

Jesus was taken down from the cross and buried by the end of the day, prior to the beginning of the high sabbath (NOT the weekly sabbath !, i.e., NOT "Saturday !)

"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) ..." (John 19:31, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)).

The day following Passover begins the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the Bible says concerning the first day of the seven day observance, "In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein." (Leviticus 23:6,7, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)). So as evening approached after the crucifixion and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a high sabbath day, was about to begin.

"And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathe'a, an honorable counselor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while

dead. And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre." (Mark 15:42-46, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)).

Jesus was to be "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)) after his crucifixion and death:

Jesus said, "**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.**" (Matthew 12:40, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108))

Therefore, **He absolutely could NOT have been crucified on a "Good Friday"** and raised by Sunday morning, for that would have only given Him two nights "in the heart of the earth" instead of the necessary three.

By the time "Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary" came to the sepulchre "as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week", Jesus had already arisen:

"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Mag'dalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 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. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:1-6, [KJV <http://bartleby.com/108>](http://bartleby.com/108)).

Therefore, since Jesus had to be in the tomb three days and three nights,...