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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The Angel at the Tomb
Matthew 28:1–6

- 1. The days in the tomb**
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Matt. 28:1, “Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.”

“Three Days and Three Nights”

Matt. 12:40, “For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

Matt. 26:61, “and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.” ’ ”

Matt. 27:63, “saying, ‘Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, “After three days I will rise.” ’ ”

Mark 14:58, “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.’ ”

Matt. 16:21, “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

Matt. 17:23, “ ‘and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.’ And they were exceedingly sorrowful.”

The normal way to count days was inclusive

Luke 13:32, “And He said to them, ‘Go, tell that fox, “Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.” ’ ”

Lev. 19:5, “And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of your own free will.

Lev. 19:6, “It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire.”

Ex. 19:10, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes.

Ex. 19:11, “ ‘And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.’ ”

Luke 24:21, “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.”

Finally, a footnote in the Babylonian Talmud states: “When the time is undefined part of a day is reckoned as a whole day.”

b. Nazir 3:1; p. 291, n. 2.

Esth. 4:16, “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!”

Esth. 5:1, “Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace, across from the king’s house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.”

Gen. 42:17, “So he put them all together in prison three days.

Gen. 42:18, “Then Joseph said to them (‘on’ or ‘in’) the third day, ‘Do this and live, for I fear God:’ ”

Why “three days”

Hos. 6:1, “Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.

Hos. 6t, “After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.”

Matt. 28:1, “Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.”

Matt. 28:2, “And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

Matt. 28:3, “His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

Matt. 28:4, “And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men”

1. Lot, the angels, and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in Gen. 19:22

Gen. 19:22, “ ‘Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.’ Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.”

Gen. 19:24, “Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and ... ”

2. At Mount Sinai

Ex. 19:18, “Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.”

Gal. 3:19, “What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.”

3. The earth quakes at Horeb when God appeared to Elijah.

1 Kings 19:11, “Then He said, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;”

1 Kings 19:12, “and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.”

Rev. 8:5, “Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.”

Rev. 11:13, “In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

Rev. 11:19, “Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

Rev. 16:17, “Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’”

Rev. 16:18, “And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.”

Zech. 14:4, “And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.”

The Unsuspecting Witnesses