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WEEK OF SABBATHS

The actual resurrection of Jesus Christ is not described in Luke 24:1-8. What has perplexed the believers is the tomb of Jesus Christ?

(Luke 24:3-4) "But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were **perplexed about this**, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing."

The English translation of Luke 24:1 failed to interpret "the weeks" by the Greek grammar (ton sabbaton/ genitive plural neuter) "**The Sabbaths.**" "The Sabbaths" is a reference to the Passover and Unleavened Bread Messianic Jewish holidays.

(Luke 24:1) "But on the first day of the week (Sabbaths), at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing spices which they had prepared." It says this in all four gospels (Matt.28:1; Mark 16:2; John 20:1).

The angles assigned to the tomb asked them a rhetorical question, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?" (Lk.24:5b)

Then the angels gave them the answer,

(Luke 24:6-8) "'**He is not here, but He has risen.** Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words."

This Week of Sabbaths is very important to understanding the importance of Messianic Jewish Holidays.

1. There are four messianic Jewish holidays associated with the First Coming of Jesus Christ that are important to First Easter. Note why it is called the Week of Sabbaths.

- **Passover**

- The 14th of Nisan (Lev.23:4-5)
- Called the day of preparation (John 19:14-15)
- The day of the crucifixion of Jesus.

- **Unleavened Bread**

- The 15th thru the 21st of Nisan (Lev.23:6-8)
- Note that the first (**15th**) and last days (**21st**) are **High Sabbaths**
- In between the two High Sabbaths they celebrated a Weekly Sabbath (Saturday, 17th)
- Jesus was buried 3 days and 3 nights as recorded in (John 19:31, 42).

- **First Fruits**

- The 18th of Nisan (Lev.23:9-14)
- The day after the **weekly Sabbath** (Our Sunday)
- Jesus was out of the grave (Resurrection Morning) before dawn (still dark) (John 20:1).

- **Pentecost**

- 50 days after **First Fruits** (Lev.23:15-22)
- **A High Sabbath**
- The beginning of church (Acts 2:1).

Do you understand the Week of Sabbaths? **How many Sabbaths are listed?** _____

2. A review of the dates and events that Jesus Christ fulfilled of these four messianic Jewish holidays.

- **Passover** (14 Nisan)
- Crucifixion
- (1 Cor.5:7)

- **Unleavened Bread** (15-21 Nisan)
- Burial (15-17)
- Resurrection (18) **First Fruits** (Acts 13:29-33; Rom.8:11)

(Matt.12:40; 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19; 26:63; 27:63; John 2:19-20) (Luke 24:6-8)

(Luke 24:7) “Saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified and the **third day rise again.**”

- **Pentecost (50 days after First Fruits)** (Acts 1:3)
- 10 days (waiting in the upper room) [plus] 40 days (post-resurrection appearances)
- Ascension and Session of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:9-11) (Eph.1:20-23) (Col.3:1; Ps.110:1)
- The Church Age begins

3. The divine purpose of the Law was a tutor to lead us to Christ (Gal.2:16; 3:24-25). Jesus Christ is the end (telos) of the Law Rom.3:20-24; 10:4)

4. New covenant gospel of grace salvation is based upon Jesus Christ fulfilling these four Messianic Jewish Holidays.

(1 Cor. 15:1-4) Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

(Acts 2:31-36) “Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ^{until} I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’ Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

(Acts 26:22-23) But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen - that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”

“AND THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS.” (Luke 24:8)