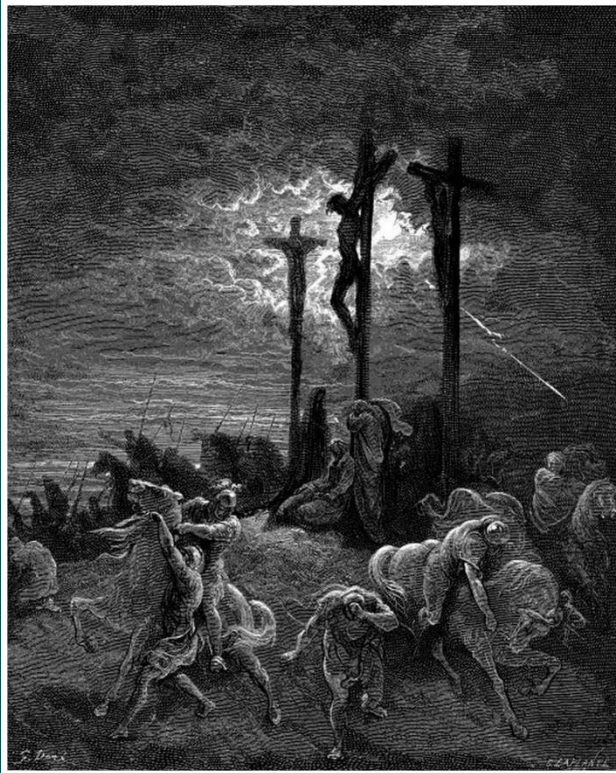


The Passion Week

Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday

Lesson Eleven

THE ENTOMBMENT



Jesus hung on the cross for six hours, from the third hour to the ninth hour (9 AM to 3 PM).

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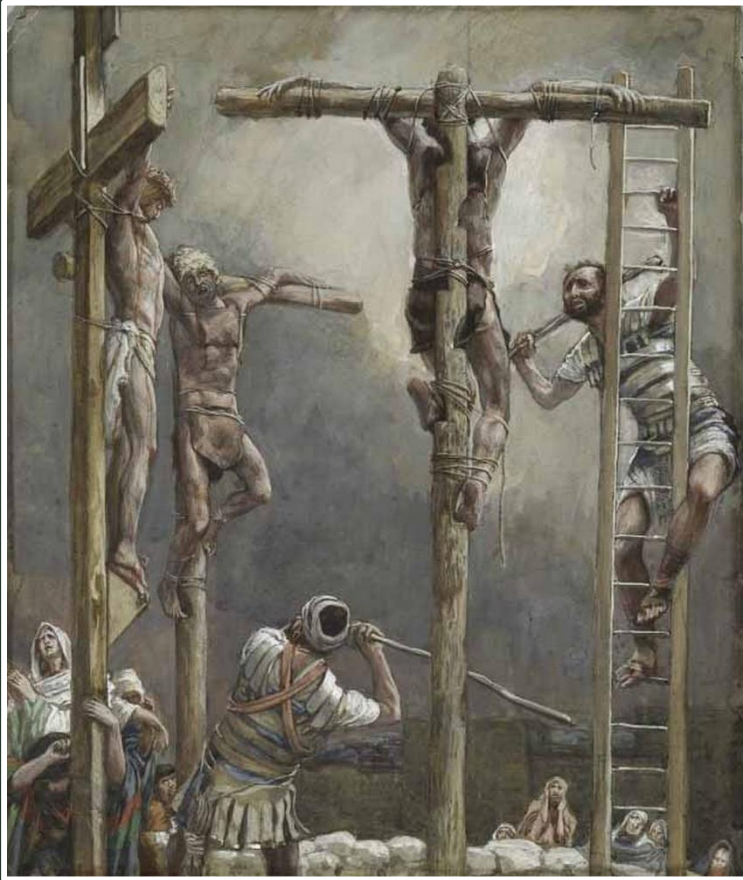
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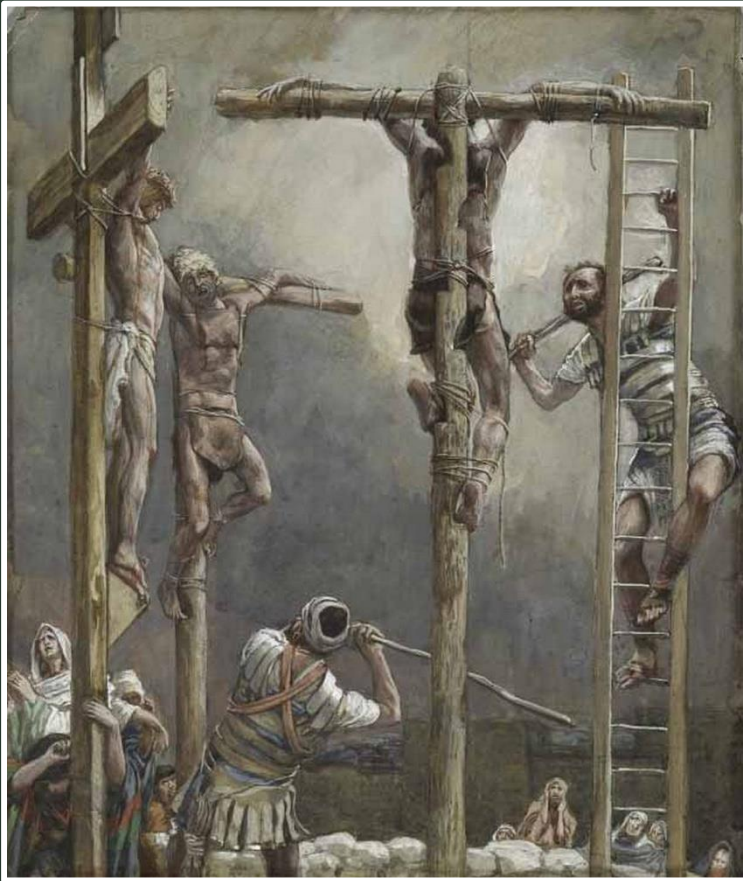
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The Jews wanted to move things along.

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Breaking the legs caused the men to suffocate so they died faster.

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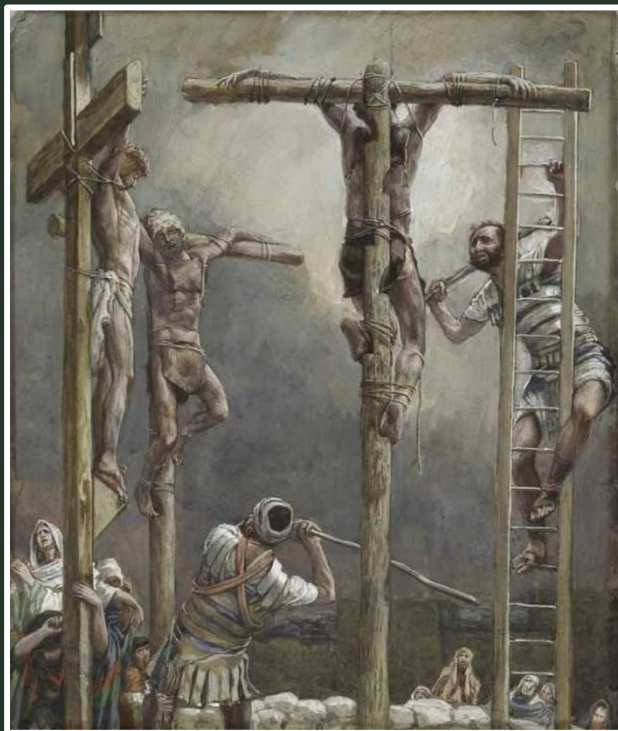
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The preparation began the afternoon of Nisan 14, preparing for the Passover meal that would be eaten later that day.

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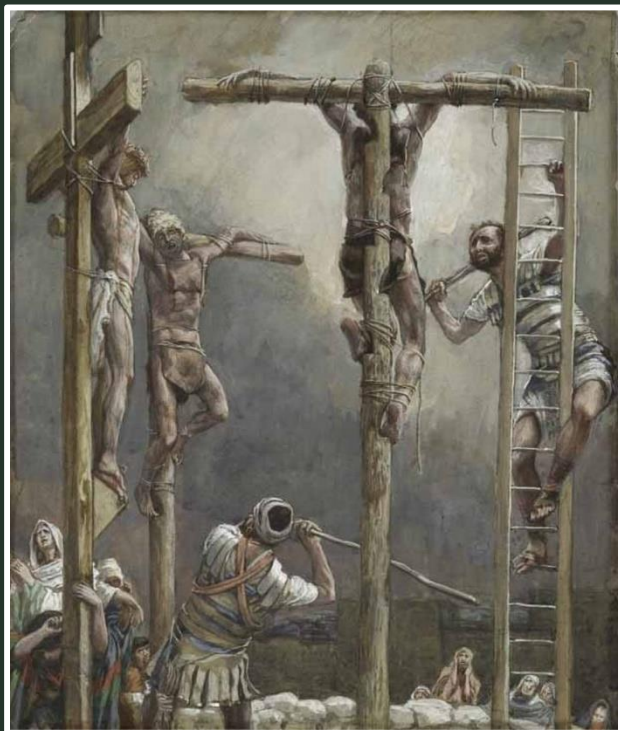
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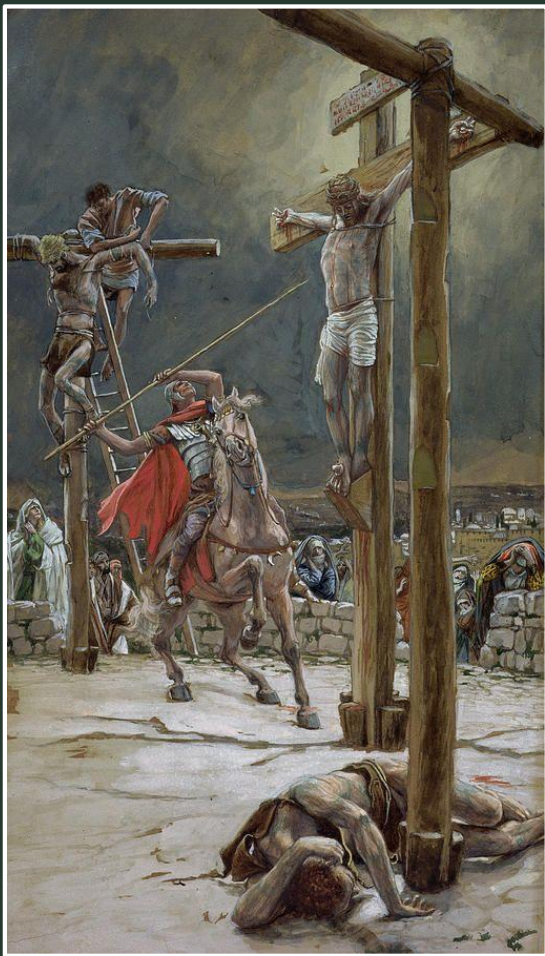
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This sabbath was not the seventh day of the week, but a holy day that marked the start of the Feast of Unleavened Bread on the evening of Nisan 15.



When the soldiers came to Jesus, he was already dead.

John 19:32-35

- 32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.
- 33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:
- 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.
- 35 And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

This, too, was in fulfillment of prophecy.

John 19:36-37

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that the scripture should be fulfilled,
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Psalms 34:19-20

¹⁹ *Many are* the afflictions of the
righteous: but the LORD
delivereth him out of them all.

²⁰ **He keepeth all his bones:
not one of them is broken.**

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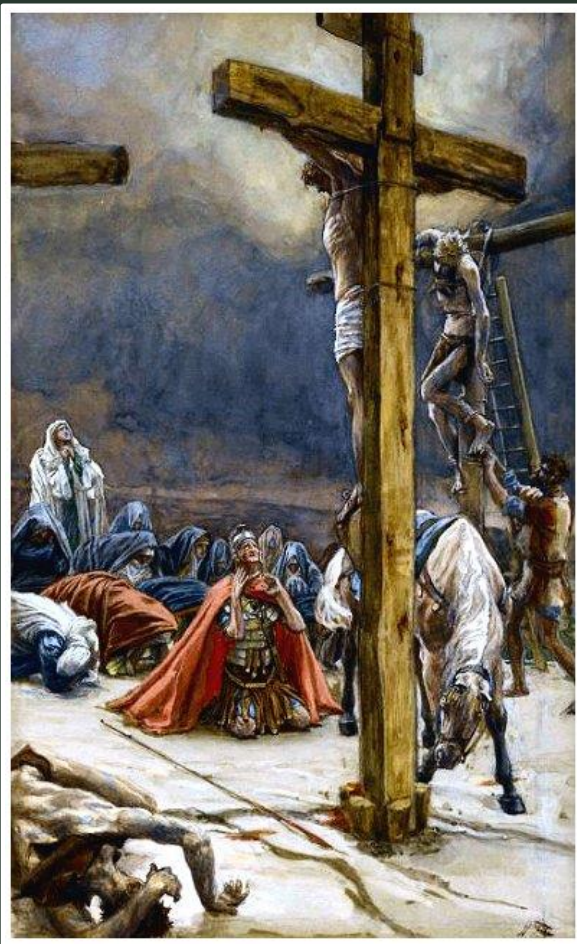
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Luke 23:47-49

- 47 Now when the centurion saw what was done,
he glorified God, saying,
Certainly this was a righteous man.
- 48 And all the people that came together to that sight,
beholding the things which were done,
smote their breasts, and returned.
- 49 And all his acquaintance,
and the women that followed him from Galilee,
stood afar off, beholding these things.

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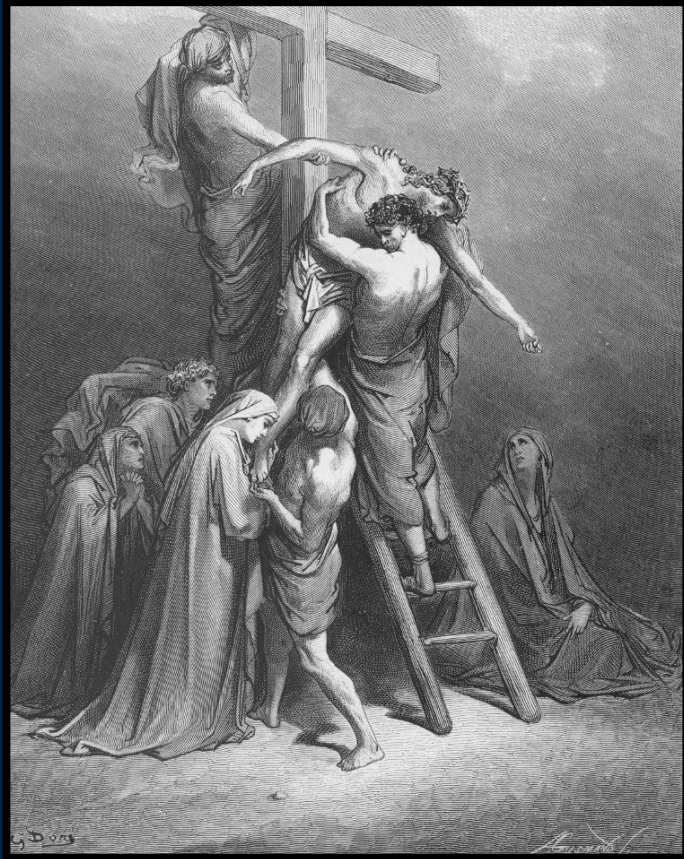
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Luke 23:50-52

- ⁵⁰ And, behold, *there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just:*
- ⁵¹ (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.*
- ⁵² This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.



John tells us more about Joseph:

John 19:38

³⁸ And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave.

He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.



Joseph was not alone in this work:

John 19:39-40

- ³⁹ And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.
- ⁴⁰ Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.



John 19:41-42

- ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.
- ⁴² There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day*; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.



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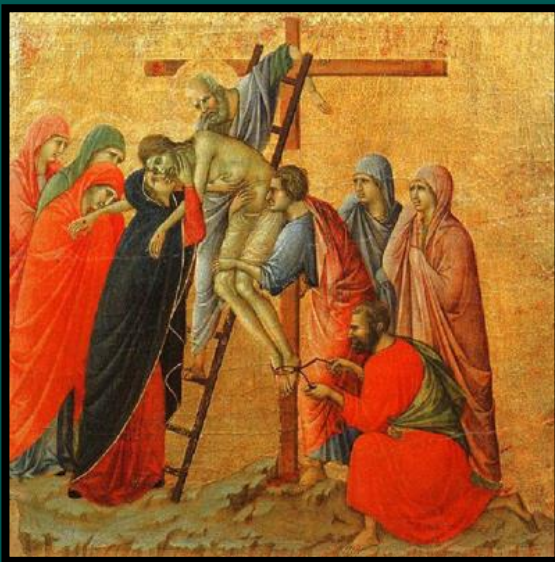
Jesus died on the cross around 3 PM.



It took time for Joseph to get permission from Pilate, and then take Jesus down from the cross.



The anointing and entombment also took time.



The Passover was over. The Feast of Unleavened Bread had now begun.

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Certain women from Galilee watched what Joseph and Nicodemus had done, and decided to return after the Sabbath to complete it.



Luke 23:54-56

- 54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.
- 55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.
- 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

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The women probably went to Bethany to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

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They rested during the Sabbath.

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They would return to the tomb early Sunday morning.



Remember the sign of Jonah:

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonas 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.

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Jesus died on the afternoon of Passover.

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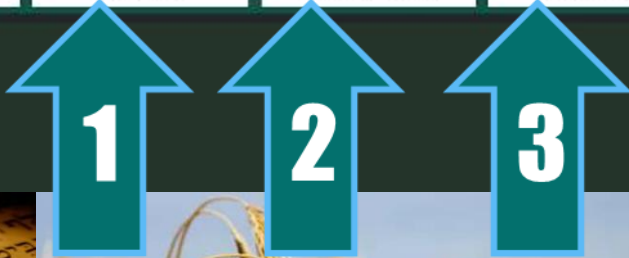


He was buried in the early hours of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.



He was raised from the dead before sunrise on the Feast of Firstfruits.

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Three Days

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Three Nights

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Matthew 27:62-64

⁶² Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

⁶³ Saying,

Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

⁶⁴ Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.



Matthew 27:62-66

⁶⁵ Pilate said unto them,

Ye have a watch:

go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.

⁶⁶ So they went, and made the sepulchre sure,
sealing the stone,
and setting a watch.



UP NEXT:
He is not here, but is risen.

What did you learn?

1. According to John 19:31, why did the Jews want the soldiers to break the legs of the men on the cross?

They wanted to speed up their deaths “that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day”, that is to say, the feast day.

What did you learn?

2. Why didn't the soldiers break Jesus' legs?

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs (Jn 19:33).

What did you learn?

3. What did they do to Jesus instead?

“One of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water” (Jn 19:34).

What did you learn?

4. What two Old Testament verses are spoken of in John 19:36-37?

Psalm 34:20 and Zechariah 12:10

What did you learn?

5. What was the testimony of the Roman centurion in Luke 23:47?

“Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.”

What did you learn?

6. Who went to Pilate and asked to bury the body of Jesus?

Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. (Mk 15:43)

What did you learn?

7. Why didn't he want people to know he was a disciple of Jesus?

And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly **for fear of the Jews**, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. (Jn 19:38)

What did you learn?

8. Who helped Joseph to prepare Christ's body for burial?

“And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night...”
(Jn 19:39).

What did you learn?

9. How long was Jonah in the belly of the whale?

“...Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly...” (Mt 12:40)

What did you learn?

10. Why did the chief priests want soldiers to guard the tomb, and how long did they want them there?

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(Mt 27:64)



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