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A Timeline of Yeshua's Life

A devotional walk with Messiah focusing on His last days

Taken from the Gospel accounts and other Scripture

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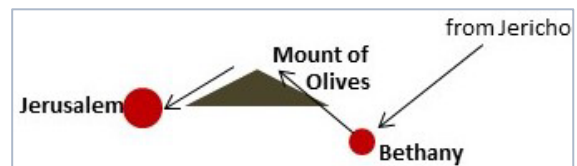
A Preface

Scripture references, acknowledgements, and expositions are indicated at the end of this writing so the reading of this timeline can flow smoothly. I have made a sincere effort to adhere to Scripture rather than to creeds or commentaries. For years, I have been piecing together the timeline of Yeshua's last days. Recently, I sought the teaching of Dr. Dwight A. Pryor, Th.D. regarding difficult texts¹. Please note that Jewish days begin and end at sunset.

In this timeline, I use the Name *Yahweh* (YHWH) for God. "*Yahweh* said to Moses, 'I AM that I AM. This is my Name forever, My Memorial-Name to all generations.'"² YHWH means I AM that I AM, the Eternally Existent One. Jesus' Hebrew name *Yeshua* is used, and the word *kedoshim* is used for us. *Kedoshim* is Hebrew for *Yahweh's set apart ones* or *holy ones*.

The Timeline

- *Yeshua* existed eternally with the Father.³
- He descended to earth from heaven.⁴
- He was conceived in Mary at Nazareth by the Holy Spirit.⁵
- He was born in Bethlehem.⁶
- He lived in Egypt,⁷ and Nazareth⁸ as a young boy.
- He ministered in Galilee and Judea – loving, teaching, delivering, and healing.
- He journeyed toward Jerusalem.⁹
- He came from Jericho to Bethany where Mary anointed His feet with costly oil, He ate a meal and spent the night with His dear friends, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary.¹⁰ *Yeshua* had raised Lazarus from the dead in a previous visit.



Sunday – Nisan 10 (sunset Saturday to sunset Sunday; 4 days before His death)

- **Yeshua** journeyed from Bethany to the Mount of Olives (about one mile northwest of Bethany).
- He descended into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives on a donkey colt with crowds shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”¹¹ in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9-10 that He came in peace to reconcile the nations to Himself. Many Jews had travelled to the City for Passover; they had heard that **Yeshua** had raised Lazarus from the dead.
- **Yeshua** came to the Temple in Jerusalem, looked around and saw everything,¹² then went back to Bethany. **Yeshua** and His disciples spent each evening outside of the City.¹³

Monday – Nisan 11 (sunset Sunday to sunset Monday)

- **Yeshua** came into the City again and cleansed the Temple¹⁴ saying, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a robbers’ den.”
- Then, He spent the night in Bethany.¹⁵

Tuesday, Wednesday – Nisan 12, 13 (sunset Monday to sunset Wednesday)

- Early in the morning, **Yeshua** taught His disciples and the crowds and answered the chief priests and elders in the Temple.¹⁶
- In the evening He retreated to the hill called Olive Grove where He taught His disciples about the end times and His return and spent the nights.¹⁷ He also spent time in Bethany with Simon the Leper.¹⁸

Thursday – Nisan 14 (sunset Wednesday to sunset Thursday; this was The Day of Preparation for Passover)

Friday – Nisan 15 (sunset Thursday to sunset Friday)

- Sunset (about 7:00 p.m. in Israel) – **Yeshua** ate the Passover with His disciples in an upper room in the City of Jerusalem. Upper rooms or *aliyahs* were the guest rooms in most Jewish homes built of limestone. John writes, “Now before the Feast of the Passover, **Yeshua**, knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”¹⁹
 - **Yeshua** washed His disciples feet.²⁰
 - They ate the Passover. Judas Iscariot left the meal to betray Him.²¹
 - **Yeshua** shared intimately with the remaining disciples and of the reality of His departure. He ushered in the New Covenant that would be secured by His sacrifice, and He spoke of the future Feast He would share with them “in that day.”
 - **Yeshua** and His disciples sang a hymn²² before leaving the meal. Then, they “arise and go.”²³

- They walked from the City toward the Garden at the base of the Mount of Olives just outside the City. **Yeshua** spoke beautiful lessons about the New Covenant and the Holy Spirit using images from a vineyard to explain them.²⁴
- They stopped along the way. **Yeshua** prayed to the Father.²⁵
- They crossed the Kidron Valley along the eastern side of Jerusalem.²⁶
- They came to the Garden of Gethsemane. **Yeshua** instructed His disciples to sit and pray. He continued further with Peter, James, and John. He went further and fell into intense grief, sweating drops of blood and crying, “**Abba Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.**”²⁷
- **After midnight** – **Yeshua was betrayed** by Judas Iscariot in the garden, seized by Roman officers and chief priests, and taken to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and elders were gathered.²⁸ The disciples left Him and fled.²⁹
- **Before dawn** – **Yeshua was interrogated** by Annas and Caiaphas.³⁰
- **At daybreak** – **Yeshua was interrogated and accused** in the Jewish Council chamber.³¹
- **During the early hours of the morning** – **Yeshua was accused, mocked, tortured, sentenced, stripped, scourged, bound, and given a crown of thorns.**
 - He stood before Pontius Pilate who sent Him to Herod who sent Him back to Pilate who gave Him over to be executed, because the chief priests’ voices prevailed and incited a riot.³²
 - **Yeshua** carried His cross. Then, Simon of Cyrene carried it for Him to Golgotha or Place of the Skull just outside the walls³³ of Jerusalem.³⁴
 - A great many people followed mourning, wailing, and weeping.³⁵
- **At 9 a.m.** – **Yeshua was crucified** at Golgotha.³⁶ The sacrifice of the lamb of atonement was occurring at this time.³⁷
- **From 12 noon to 3 p.m.** – **Darkness fell upon all the land.**³⁸ During these hours, the offerings were being performed at the Temple.³⁹ The darkness during these bright afternoon hours reflected the darkness of the unfathomable weight of sin and death laid upon **Yeshua** for our sins and the sins of the world.
- **At 3 p.m. (the ninth hour)**⁴⁰ – **Yeshua yielded up His Spirit and died.** His mother, His mother’s sister, Mary wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala looked on.⁴¹
- **Between 3 and sunset** – **Yeshua was buried.** Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for permission to take His body. Joseph anointed and wrapped His body in linen cloths and laid Him in a new tomb in a garden near the place where He was executed. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came with myrrh and aloe. Mary of Magdala, Salome, and Mary (the mother of James and **Yeshua**) still looked on. Then, they left the gravesite to be home for Shabbat (the Sabbath).⁴²

Saturday – Nisan 16, Shabbat (sunset Friday to sunset Saturday)

- **At sunset** – **The people rested** according to **Yahweh’s** commandment. **And Yeshua rested.** He was three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.⁴³

- The chief priests and Pilate made the grave secure with a seal. Anyone tampering with the seal would be put to death. Guards were there to ensure *Yeshua's* body would not be stolen and also to squelch rumors that He rose from the dead.⁴⁴

Sunday – Nisan 17 (sunset Saturday to sunset Sunday)

- **The Feast of First Fruits was celebrated** – the celebration of the first harvest and the resurrection of the spring earth!
- Now **on the first of the week while it was still dark** – Mary of Magdala journeyed to the tomb.⁴⁵
- **On the first of the week at early dawn** – Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Joanna came to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. The stone had been rolled away. They saw *Yeshua* and reported it to the eleven and the rest.⁴⁶ Peter and John ran to the tomb.⁴⁷
- *Yeshua* **appeared** to Mary of Magdala first⁴⁸, then Joanna, Mary mother of James, and to more women⁴⁹, to two men on the Road to Emmaus “that very day,”⁵⁰ and to the eleven gathered in Jerusalem that evening.⁵¹ The Emmaus men joined the eleven.
- **Over the next 40 days** *Yeshua* **appeared** to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee⁵² and to more than 500 brethren, to James, and to Paul.⁵³ He waited for them in Galilee on the mountain He had designated.⁵⁴
- *Yeshua* **departed from them at Bethany near Jerusalem**.⁵⁵ He was exalted to the right hand of God where He received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit that God poured forth at Pentecost (or Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks).⁵⁶
- **50 days after *Yeshua's* resurrection, the Father sent the Holy Spirit** while the disciples were gathered to celebrate Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks (The Greek Pentecost). (John 14:16-17; Acts 1:8, 2:33)

Endnotes

¹ Dr. Pryor was the Founder and President of the Center for Judaic-Christian Studies. He was a founding member of the Jerusalem School of Synoptic Research; his years of association with Jewish and Christian scholars in Israel provided him with profound insights into the life and teaching of Yeshua.

² Exodus 3:13-15

³ John 8:58; John 1:1-2; Daniel 7:13-14; Colossians 1:16-17; Genesis 1:26

⁴ John 3:13

⁵ Luke 1:26-35

⁶ Luke 2:1-7

⁷ Matthew 2:13-15

⁸ Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:39

⁹ Luke 9:51

¹⁰ John 12:1-2

¹¹ John 12

¹² Mark 11:11

¹³ Mark 11:19

¹⁴ Mark 11:12,15,17

¹⁵ Matthew 21:17

¹⁶ Luke 21:37-38; John 8:2

¹⁷ Luke 21:37

¹⁸ Matthew 26:6-7

¹⁹ John 13:1

²⁰ John 13:3-20
²¹ John 13:21-30
²² Mark 14:26
²³ John 14:31
²⁴ John 15-16
²⁵ John 17
²⁶ John 18
²⁷ Luke 22:42
²⁸ Matthew 26:3-5
²⁹ Matthew 26:56
³⁰ Annas and Caiaphas were not priests from the true priestly line; they were appointed for political reasons by Herod; they were tainted and hated by the people. (Dr. Dwight A. Pryor's *Misconceptions about the Passover*)
³¹ Luke 22:66 mentions – "the Council of elders of the people assembled, and they led Him away to their council chamber..." This verse does not refer to the official Great Sanhedrin whose law required them to meet in the daylight. (Dr. Dwight A. Pryor, *Misconceptions about the Passover*)
³² When we see the word "multitude" in certain translations of the Bible, it can mean a large crowd or a small group. The crowd that cried, "Hosanna!" as Yeshua came into Jerusalem on a donkey was not the same small, select mob of rebels that cried, "Crucify Him!" The Pharisees and the people would never cry, "We have no king by Caesar." (Dr. Dwight A. Pryor, *Misconceptions about the Passover*)
³³ Hebrews 13:12
³⁴ John 19:20
³⁵ Luke 22:27
³⁶ Mark 15:25
³⁷ "The second series of sacrifices [in Deuteronomy and 2 Chronicles] came to be called Second Passover. The sacrifices of lambs became so numerous, it took two days to do them. What began as one combined series of sacrifices from the time of Josiah onward was separated into sacrifices on two days. On the 14th was the sacrifice of the Passover lambs which, upon sacrifice, were cleaned and given to the people to take them home and eat the roasted lamb. The next day, the 15th, was also the Passover sacrifice; it was the 2nd Passover for the sacrifice of all other bulls, lambs and goats, including the atonement sacrifice or sin offering [killed when Yeshua was killed]." (Dr. Dwight A. Pryor, *Misconceptions about the Passover*)
³⁸ Mark 15:33
³⁹ Dr. Dwight A. Pryor, *Probing the Passover Puzzles*
⁴⁰ About 6:00 a.m. is the morning of the day for Jews, so 3:00 would be nine hours later.
⁴¹ John 19:25
⁴² Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; John 19:42; Luke 23:54
⁴³ Matthew 12:40; In Jewish culture, "a day" could be any part of the day, not necessarily a 24-hour period. So, when Yeshua was in the earth for three days on part of Friday, all day Saturday, and part of Sunday, this span would have been considered three days. (Dr. Dwight A. Pryor, *Misconceptions about the Passover*) When *Yeshua* said, "It is finished," His work was complete. Just as Elohim rested when He finished His work of creation, *Yeshua* rested between 3:00 p.m. on Nisan 15 when He expired and sunset p.m. on Nisan 16 when Shabbat ended and the Feast of First Fruits began, according to *Yahweh's* commandment. For a complete Scriptural exposition on Yeshua's rest, please see *He Rested*, a writing at ShaleFragments.com.
⁴⁴ Matthew 27:62-66
⁴⁵ John 20:1; Matthew 28:1 is translated "Late of Sabbath to the lighting of the day..." according to Dr. Dwight Pryor; the first opportunity to visit the grave would have been just as Shabbat ended, Saturday evening as the new day of First Fruits began. "John leaves the door open to the possibility that Mary of Magdala came to the gravesite at her first opportunity, which would have been at sunset when Shabbat ended and Sunday began."
⁴⁶ Luke 24:1,8-10
⁴⁷ John 20:2-10
⁴⁸ John 20:1, 11-18
⁴⁹ Luke 24:10
⁵⁰ Luke 24:13-35
⁵¹ John 20:19-25
⁵² John 21
⁵³ 1 Corinthians 15; Acts 1:3
⁵⁴ Matthew 28:16-20; 26:32
⁵⁵ Luke 24:50-51
⁵⁶ Acts 1:4-12