

Believing Jesus

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word, and not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

It will never cease to make me wonder why it is that mankind will not just look to God's word and accept it for what it says, but must change it to suit their own wants and desires. I saw another writing titled Three Days and Three Nights the writer then goes on and speaks on the comments and quotations made about this prophecy, but never speaks on the prophecy itself.

The following scriptures are the statements and references made about Jesus prophecy which these writers use to distort the truth. Read the scriptures to see for yourself if in fact these are not all remarks about Jesus prophecy, and not the prophecy itself.

Matthew 27:40 in three days; Matthew 27:63 after three days Mark 8:31 after three days Mark 15:29 in three days John 2:19 in three days; John 2:20 in three days

Matthew 16:21; Matthew 17:23; Matthew 20:19; Matthew 27:64; Mark 10:34; Mark 9:31; Luke 9:22; Luke 13:32; Luke 18:33; Luke 24:7 Luke 24:46 third day;

The only truly difficult scripture is the following Luke 24:21 Road to Emmaus. If we consider counting part days and counting the day we are in, we can count it back to Friday, but does this harmonize with Jesus last prophecy to show that he is the true Messiah or Christ? It is always very curious that we apply different rules when trying to make our own point. If it were Monday and I said I was leaving in three days one would say Tuesday is one day, Wednesday is two days and Thursday is when I would leave and yet this is not the way they want to count Jesus' time line.

Let us first look at what Jesus says a day consists of.

John 11:9

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

I am not going to use this twelve hour day to base God's truth on, even though those who preach against Jesus three days and three nights prophecy do make an issue of counting part days as whole days. We will look to a far more important Biblical truth than whole or part days.

Let us remember how we tell a true prophet of God and a false prophet.

Isaiah 8:20

20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

With this in mind we must be sure to stand fast in harmonizing what Jesus says and what we believe, because Jesus is never wrong. Let us look at His prophecy.

Matthew 12:38-40

38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

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.

First how important is this prophecy? Well it will not be fulfilled till after his death and resurrection leaving no doubt on whom he is. Next what is the time line Jesus leaves for them? He sets it out from an ancient Bible story that these Scribes and Pharisees new well. Jesus is very precise Three days and three nights. If Jesus is crucified Friday at the end of the day, rest the seventh day Sabbath and raises at the start of the first day of the week this would be after sun down Saturday. We then have Jesus in the grave Friday even though it is only a couple of hours then all day Saturday and then a few hours into the first day of the week not three full days as Jesus said a day is, but we will count them as whole days. This still only leaves us with Friday night and Saturday night being three days and two nights. This then would make Jesus a false prophet not fulfilling his own prophecy of spending three days and three nights in the earth. If the teaching does not harmonize with Jesus words which he says

John 1:17

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The words which Jesus speaks are truth and any who preach contrary to his word is a liar and false prophet.

Those who teach that Jesus died on Friday and rose on the first day are preaching a false Christ for the true Christ will be in the grave three days and three nights no more or no less. We are told and warned not to add to or take away from God's word.

Deuteronomy 12:32

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Proverbs 30:6

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:18, 19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

No one can honestly debate that we cannot and should not change or take away from those words which our Lord, Prophet, High Priest and coming King has had recorded for the saints. Once we allow anyone to leave out scripture that is proven to be authentic, where will it end? Christians must wake up and become as the Bereans.

Acts 17:11

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

They didn't just believe Paul, but listened and then went and searched the scriptures to see if what he taught was the same as what the scripture said.

Dear reader Jesus died on a Wednesday night just before sundown and spent Wednesday night, Thursday and Thursday night, Friday and Friday night and Saturday just before sundown, when Jesus was resurrected, in the grave. This gives us both 12 hour days and 12 hour nights and also upholds Jesus prophecy of three days **and** three nights. The nights are Wednesday night, Thursday night and Friday night, the days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday fulfilling Jesus' prophecy. For those who say well it has to be Friday because he was crucified before the Sabbath let us remember what it actually says.

John 19:31

31 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 an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

This was not a weekly Sabbath, but a high day Sabbath. A high day Sabbath can fall on any day of the week and the day before would be a preparation day for it.

We do not ask you to believe this tract, but you must search the scripture and obey the words of our high Priest Jesus the Christ. Remember the difference with Jesus ministry it is unchanging unlike the Levitical priesthood which changed with every new Priest or the leaderships in the Churches of today, which changes with every new leader. Jesus is the head of the Church, we all must follow His teachings.

Hebrews 3:1

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 13:20, 21

*20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the **everlasting covenant**,*

*21 Make you perfect in every good work to **do his will**, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Hebrews 7:24

*24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an **unchangeable** priesthood.*

It is an everlasting covenant made with us that we can through the son of God be made perfect in God the Fathers sight. An unchanging teaching based on the words of Jesus the Christ. We have only one teacher, and that is Jesus the Christ. Through those men he personally chose the New Testament has been recorded and preserved for all who seek the truth.