

The "PREPARATION" Day for the Passover

- John 13:1-2 "Before" the Feast of Passover, they had finished "the last supper". Arrested later that night and ...
- John 18:28 Brought before Pilate at *dawn* of the crucifixion day – and the Jewish leaders have not yet eaten the Passover meal.
- John 19:14 *Dawn* on the crucifixion day is called "the preparation for the Passover".
- John 19:31 Thus they have not yet killed the lambs or eaten the Passover meal. This *cannot* be so called if this day is 15 Nisan. How could the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread be called "the preparation for the Passover" when on 15 Nisan the lamb *had* to have already been slain!

Further, the 15th was a "high Sabbath" (see Lev. 23), not merely the regular weekly Sabbath. Such an activity as the crucifixion would have profaned a Sabbath and caused an *uproar* from the Jewish laymen – as the Jewish leaders feared and planned around to avoid just such a disaster (Mk. 14:1-2)

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, ... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; (John 13:1-2)

Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. (John 18:28)

And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! (John 19:14)

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. (John 19:31)

Also:

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. (Matthew 27:62-63)

And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, (Mark 15:42)

And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. (Luke 23:54)

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. (i.e., Nisan 14)

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. . (Luke 22:1, 7, 8, 15, & 20, thus the "Lord's Supper" was instituted after Jesus and the disciples ate the Passover meal. As the "sop" was during the Passover meal and as Judas left immediately after taking it, he was not at the "Lord's Supper".)