

This year 2021: the **Feast of Passover** is on March 27th and the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** is from March 28th thru April 4th. We will take the next two weeks to study Passover from a Biblical view and then contrast it with all of man's traditions of what is called 'Easter.' Before we begin, let's get some essential Biblical grounding truths about Jesus Christ.

LUKE 24:1-45 *'And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He [Jesus] expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.'* This truth needs to be grasped by us, and this only happens as we continually come to Jesus and ask Him to open our understanding to these things. **COLOSSIANS 2:1-17** all the Old Testament Feasts, the offerings, and even the Sabbath day, were all merely shadows of the reality of what Jesus Christ would do. **1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8** *'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.'* **JOHN 1:29-36** *'Behold the Lamb of God.'* Jesus is personally the reality, and as we study Passover, we truly must keep that in mind. **LEVITICUS 23 (vv1-5)** God gives unto Israel seven Feasts, all to be performed and celebrated at extremely specific times: *'In the fourteenth day of the first month at even(ing) is the LORD'S Passover.'* (vv6-8) The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the very next day on the 15th and lasts for seven days; a key point is that Day 1 and Day 7 are both Sabbath (Holy) days.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE FIRST PASSOVER

EXODUS 12 Israel has been in Egypt as slaves for four hundred years; God is about to lay on Egypt the last of ten plagues. (vv1,2) God radically changes the calendar, the month Nisan becomes the first month of the year, previously it was the seventh. **We become new creations in Christ when we receive Him into our lives; released from being Satan's slaves.** (v3) On the 10th of Nisan the lambs were inspected and then selected only if they were free from blemish. **In 32 AD, Jesus came into Jerusalem riding a colt at the Triumphal Entry; and the priests rejected Him, this event took place on Nisan 10th (vv4,5) 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male'** Pilate said of Jesus *'I find in Him no fault at all'* (**JOHN 18:38**). *'For He made Him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin...'* (**2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**). (v6) *'...until the fourteenth day of the same month...kill it [the lamb] in the evening.'* Jesus died at 3 pm, which was the 'evening' in Jewish reckoning. (vv7-14) *'And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you...'* **EPHESIANS 1:7** *'In Whom [Jesus] we have redemption though His blood, the forgiveness of sins...'* As one looks at this Feast of Passover it is easily seen why Paul would say *'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.'* Jesus is the reality behind every Feast; the Feasts foreshadowed what God would do through Christ some 1500 years in advance. Jesus died on the very day of Passover; He truly is the Lamb of God: *'Behold the Lamb of God!'*

Meeting Mondays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Gateway Building Auditorium, 3556 Lakeshore Road, Bladell

So, what about Easter? How do Easter eggs, rabbits, Lent, Good Friday, etc., possibly tie into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Many of us get quite attached to tradition, and Easter certainly is a very sentimental holiday to people; but what I ask tonight is we keep in prayer, have an open mind to Scripture and remember **ACTS 17:10,11** and let's search the Bible.

GOOD FRIDAY – Church tradition holds to a Friday death of Jesus, but the Bible will show you that this is impossible. **MATTHEW 12:38-40** *'For as Jonah 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.'* Incidentally, some whales are 100 feet long; 40 feet round and weigh in at over 300,000 pounds! In 1896, a published article records the story of a whale which demolished a harpoon ship, two men were lost, one of them was found alive in the whale's belly one and a half days later. Jonah is not a fable. **JONAH 1:1-17; 2:1-10** Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh as God's prophet. *'...out of the belly of hell [Sheol] cried I, and Thou heardest my voice.'* Sheol is the world of departed spirits, the realm of the dead, not a grave as in a cemetery. Many Bible teachers believe that Jonah died inside that whale and the Lord brought him back to life. Jonah prayed with thanksgiving and *'...the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the land.'* **JONAH 3:1-3** sometimes the Lord really has a way of getting hold of our will! Jonah not only becomes a type of three days and three nights, but also a foreshadow of the Resurrection. The whale could not hold Jonah; the grave could not hold Jesus **ACTS 2:22-36**. Jesus clearly said He would be in the ground for three days and three nights, and with a Friday death you cannot come up with that and a Sunday resurrection. Many will attempt to defend tradition by saying that with the Jews any part of a day was counted as a full day, but it does not work out: **1 SAMUEL 30:12,13; ESTHER 4:15,16; 5:1** in the Bible three days and three nights always means 72 hours. The only day the Crucifixion could be on was Wednesday: **MATTHEW 28:1** *'In the end of the Sabbath [Saturday 6 pm] as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week...'* at this point Jesus was already risen... the Jewish Sabbath day is from Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset. So here is what must have happened: **Wednesday afternoon – the Crucifixion; Wednesday night = night 1; Thursday day = day 1; Thursday night = night 2; Friday day = day 2; Friday night = night 3; Saturday day = day 3.** Jesus would have risen after sunset on Saturday, the beginning of the new day in Israel...He would not have been in the grave Saturday night; literally fulfilling *'three days and three nights.'*

ROMANS 6:9-23 The Bible is the truth; if tradition cannot be backed by Scripture it is wrong. Believe and live in freedom daily. (con't next week)...

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Passover or Easter



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Luke 24:27 And beginning at **Moses** and **all the prophets**, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures **the things concerning Himself**.

Then Jesus
opened their
minds to
understand
the Scriptures

Luke 24:45



These are a shadow
of the things that
were to come; the
reality, however,
is found in Christ.

- Colossians 2:17 -



1Cor 5:7 ...For even Christ our
Passover is sacrificed for us.

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he
walked, he saith, **Behold the
Lamb of God!**

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Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at evening [twilight] is the LORD'S Passover.

Lev 23:7 In **the first day** ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do **no servile work** therein.

Lev 23:8 ...in the **seventh day** is an holy convocation: ye shall do **no servile work** therein.

A close-up photograph of a white lamb grazing in a lush green field. The lamb is the central focus, with its head lowered towards the grass. The background is a soft-focus green field. Overlaid on the image is yellow text with a red glow.

The Institution of the First Passover

EXODUS 12



Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36

The Jewish Calendar

The Jews used two kinds of calendars:

Civil Calendar—official calendar of kings, childbirth, and contracts.

Sacred Calendar—from which festivals were computed.

NAMES OF MONTHS	CORRESPONDS WITH	NO. OF DAYS	MONTH OF CIVIL YEAR	MONTH OF SACRED YEAR	
TISHRI	Sept.—Oct.	30 days	1st	7th	<p>The Jewish day was from sunset to sunset, in 8 equal parts:</p> <p>FIRST WATCH SUNSET TO 9 P.M. SECOND WATCH 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT THIRD WATCH MIDNIGHT TO 3 A.M. FOURTH WATCH 3 A.M. TO SUNRISE</p> <hr/> <p>FIRST WATCH SUNRISE TO 9 A.M. SECOND WATCH 9 A.M. TO NOON THIRD WATCH NOON TO 3 P.M. FOURTH WATCH 3 P.M. TO SUNSET</p>
HESHVAN	Oct.—Nov.	29 or 30	2nd	8th	
CHISLEV	Nov.—Dec.	29 or 30	3rd	9th	
TEBETH	Dec.—Jan.	29	4th	10th	
SHEBAT	Jan.—Feb.	30	5th	11th	
ADAR	Feb.—Mar.	29 or 30	6th	12th	
NISAN	Mar.—Apr.	30	7th	1st	
IYAR	Apr.—May	29	8th	2nd	
SIVAN	May—June	30	9th	3rd	
TAMMUZ	June—July	29	10th	4th	
AB	July—Aug.	30	11th	5th	
*ELUL	Aug.—Sept.	29	12th	6th	

*Hebrew months were alternately 30 and 29 days long. Their year, shorter than ours, had 354 days. Therefore, about every 3 years (7 times in 19 years) an extra 29-day-month, VEADAR, was added between ADAR and NISAN.

2Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Luke 19:43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

Luke 19:44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.

Exod 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year...

John 18:38 Pilate saith...I find in Him no fault at all.

2Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Exod 12:6 ...until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it [the lamb] in the evening [twilight].

Mat 27:47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

Mat 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

**“...AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I
WILL PASS OVER YOU; AND
THE PLAGUE SHALL NOT BE ON
YOU TO DESTROY YOU WHEN I
STRIKE THE LAND OF EGYPT.”**

EXODUS 12:13

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption
through His blood, the forgiveness of
sins, according to the riches of His grace;

1Cor 5:7 For indeed Christ, our
Passover, was sacrificed for us.

John 1:36

And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

A collection of colorful Easter eggs and a sprinkle-covered egg on green grass. The eggs include solid colors like green, light blue, yellow, red, and blue, as well as patterned ones with polka dots and floral designs. One egg is covered in multi-colored sprinkles. The background is a lush green lawn.

So, what about Easter???

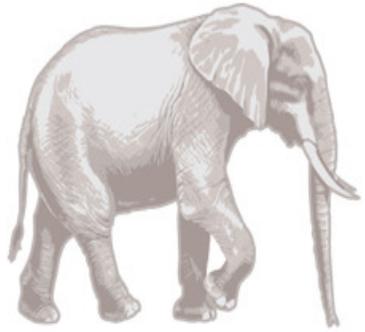
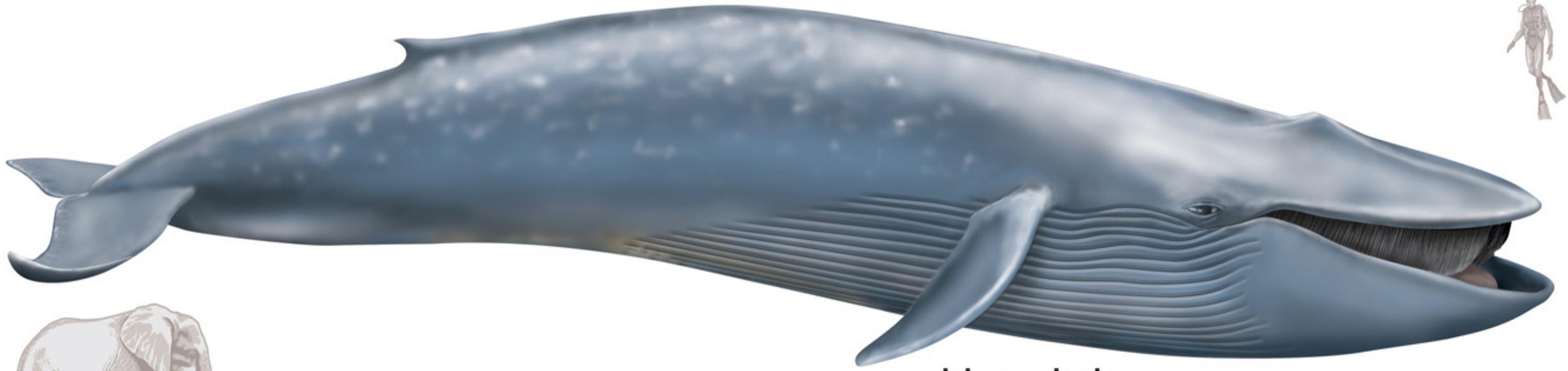
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resurrection of Jesus Christ?**

Acts 17:10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming there went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Acts 17:11 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.

Good Friday

Mat 12:40 For as Jonah 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.



 3 metres
 9 feet

blue whale

(*Balaenoptera musculus*)

length 29.5 m (97 ft)

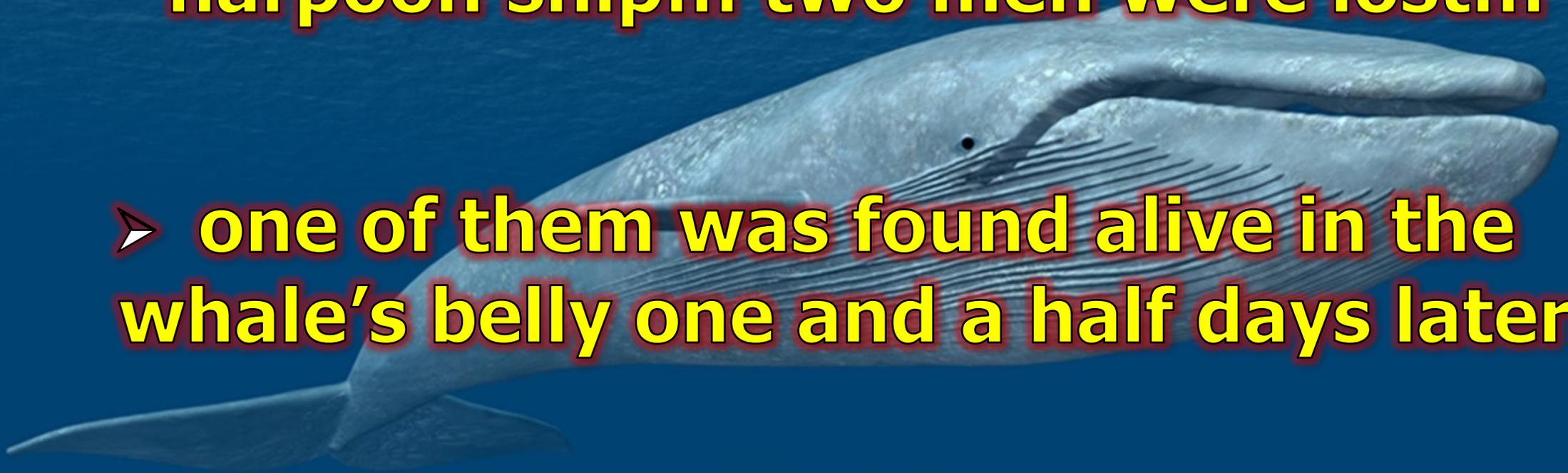
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**SOME WHALES ARE OVER 100 FEET LONG...
...40 FEET ROUND...
...OVER 300,000 POUNDS!!!**

➤ **In 1896, a published article records the story of a whale which demolished a harpoon ship... two men were lost...**

➤ **one of them was found alive in the whale's belly one and a half days later.**

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Jonah 2:2 ...out of the belly of **hell**
[Sheol] cried I, and Thou heardest
my voice.

Sheol is the world of departed
spirits, the realm of the dead, not
a grave as in a cemetery.

Jonah 2:10 And the LORD spake
unto the fish, and it vomited out
Jonah upon the dry land.

Jonah 1:17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: **because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.**

Matthew 12:40 (NKJV)

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1Sam 30:12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So when he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.

1Sam 30:13 Then David said to him, "To whom do you belong, and where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick.

Esther 4:15,16 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Esther 5:1 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

Mat 28:1 Now after the Sabbath [ends Saturday at 6 PM], as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

- **At this point Jesus had already risen...**
- **The Jewish Sabbath Day is from Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset**

- Wednesday afternoon - the Crucifixion
 - Wednesday night - night 1
 - Thursday day - day 1
 - Thursday night - night 2
 - Friday day - day 2
 - Friday night - night 3
 - Saturday day - day 3

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Even so consider yourselves to be...

DEAD

To

Sin

The Sin Nature

ALIVE

To

God

In Christ Jesus

Romans 6:11

You have been set free from sin and
have become slaves to
righteousness.



Romans 6:18