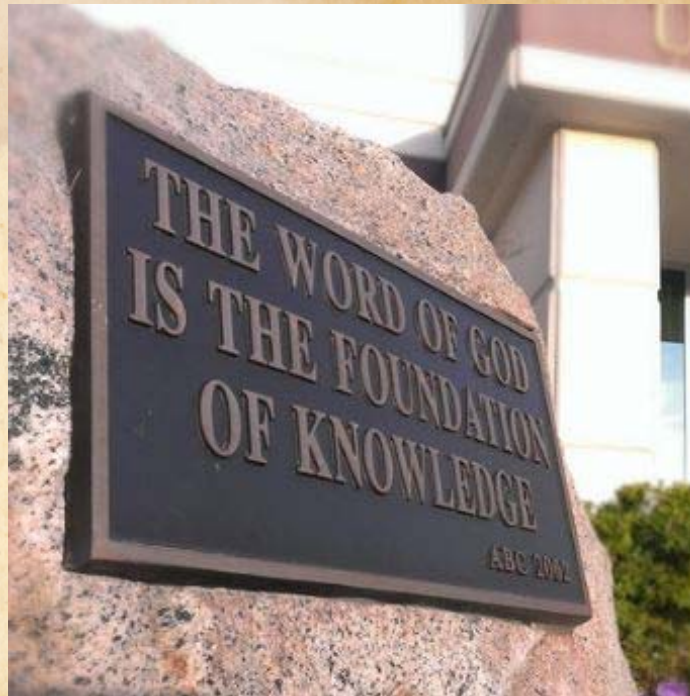


Weeknight Bible Study

February 3, 2022

Fundamental Beliefs of the United Church of God (Booklet)

United Church of God, SF Bay Area



Check-In Goals:

1. Fellowship in a Spiritually Uplifting focus in God's Word
2. Hear from All Participants as equally as possible

Please limit comments to no more than 2 minutes until everyone has had an opportunity to speak.

3. Discuss / Highlight / Collect Wisdom

Discussion Topic: Fundamental #7. **Three Days and Three Nights**

- > It is important that it was literally a FULL three days and three nights.
- > It is important that He died and was fully dead... and was then resurrected. Personally this gives us hope that we also can be raised to life following His lead!
- > It is important to know THE sign... as this reinforces who He was!
- > If this was THE sign given that Jesus was the Messiah, the Friday-Sunday that most of the people claiming to be Christian hold so dear... would actually prove that He isn't the Messiah. The details are important!
- > Christ's time in the grave shows the absolute POWER of God to resurrect!
- > On Time dead... there is a balance of enough time to show that He was dead AND there was not enough time for His body to see corruption (not decay)... (blood loss and coolness of environs during that time of year would have a slower decomposition).
- > **It all comes together to show how perfect God's planning and timing is!!**

Belief Statement:

#7. Three Days and Three Nights

Fundamental Belief Statement:

We believe that the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead after His body lay three days and three nights in the grave, thus making immortality possible for mortal man. He thereafter ascended into heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate (1 Peter 1:17-21; 3:22; Matthew 12:40; 1 Corinthians 15:53; 2 Timothy 1:10; John 20:17; Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 12:2).

Booklet section audio... <https://www.ucg.org/system/storage/serve/1345011/07-three-days-and-three-nights.mp3>

Discussion Scriptures

#7. Scriptures

1 Peter 1:17-21 NKJV And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; (18) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (20) He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (21) who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 3:22 NKJV who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:53 NKJV For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Discussion Scriptures

#7. Scriptures (Continued)

2 Timothy 1:10 NKJV but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

John 20:17 NKJV Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

Hebrews 8:1 NKJV Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

~Jonah Scripture tied to Matthew 12:40~

Fundamental #7. **Three Days and Three Nights**

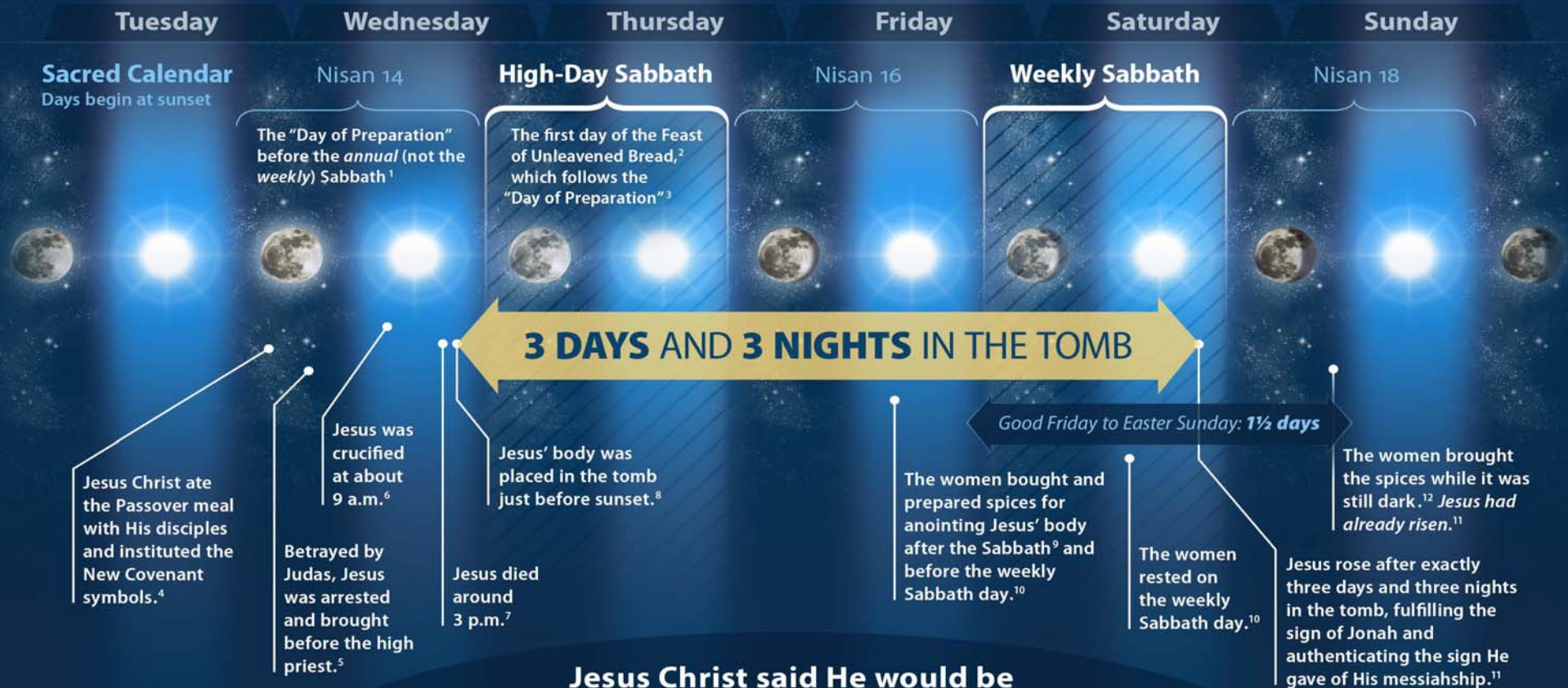
KJV+ Pic

A Great Fish Swallows Jonah

Jon 1:17 Now the LORD^{H3068} had prepared^{H4487} a great^{H1419} fish^{H1709} to swallow up^{H1104} (H853) Jonah.^{H3124} And Jonah^{H3124} was^{H1961} in the belly^{H4578} of the fish^{H1709} three^{H7969} days^{H3117} and three^{H7969} nights.^{H3915}

- > **Three H7969** Total KJV occurrences: 430 (shâlôsh shâlôsh shelôshâh shelôshâh) [(1,2) shaw-loshe', (3,4) shel-o-shaw']
The last two forms being masculine; a primitive number; three; occasionally (ordinal) third, or (multiplicative) thrice: - + fork, + often [-times], third, thir [-teen, -teenth], three, + thrice. Compare H7991.
- > **H7991** Total KJV occurrences: 20 shâlîysh shâlôsh shâlôsh [shaw-leesh', shaw-loshe', shaw-loshe']
(The second form used in 1Ch_11:11-12, 1Ch_11:18; the third form used in 2Sa_23:13); from H7969; a triple, that is, (as a musical instrument) a triangle (or perhaps rather three stringed lute); also (as an indefinitely great quantity) a three fold measure (perhaps a treble ephah); also (as an officer) a general of the third rank (upward, that is, the highest): - captain, instrument of musick, (great) lord, (great) measure, prince, three [from the margin].
- > **Days H3117** Total KJV occurrences: 2295 yôm [yome]
From an unused root meaning to be hot; a day (as the warm hours), whether literally (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figuratively (a space of time defined by an associated term), (often used adverbially): - age, + always, + chronicles, continually (-ance), daily, ([birth-], each, to) day, (now a, two) days (agone), + elder, X end, + evening, + (for) ever (-lasting, -more), X full, life, as (so) long as (. . . live), (even) now, + old, + outlived, + perpetually, presently, + remaineth, X required, season, X since, space, then, (process of) time, + as at other times, + in trouble, weather, (as) when, (a, the, within a) while (that), X whole (+ age), (full) year (-ly), + younger.
- > **Nights H3915** Total KJV occurrences: 233 layil lêyl layelâh [lah'-yil, lale, lah'-yel-aw]
From the same as H3883; properly a twist (away of the light), that is, night; figuratively adversity: - ([mid-]) night (season).
- H3883** Total KJV occurrences: 1 lûl [lool]
From an unused root meaning to fold back; a spiral step: - winding stair. Compare H3924.
- H3924** Total KJV occurrences: 13 lûlâ'âh [loo-law-aw']
From the same as H3883; a loop: - loop.

The Chronology of Jesus Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection



Jesus Christ said He would be in the tomb for three days and three nights. What is the biblically accurate chronology of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection? This timeline accommodates three full nights and three full daylight periods. This is the only reckoning that fits Jesus' own prophecy of how long He would be in the tomb. It also fits perfectly with all the details recorded in the four Gospel accounts.

¹ John 19:31; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54
² John 19:31; Leviticus 23:4-7
³ Matthew 27:62
⁴ Matthew 26:26-28
⁵ Matthew 26:47-57
⁶ Mark 15:25
⁷ Matthew 27:46-50
⁸ Matthew 27:57-60
⁹ Mark 16:1
¹⁰ Luke 23:56; Exodus 20:8-11
¹¹ Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:2-6; Luke 24:2-3; John 20:1
¹² Luke 24:1; John 20:1



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www.ucg.org/booklet/easter-rest-story

Example Apologetic Discussion

Fundamental #7. Three Days and Three Nights

Discussion w/ Someone Who believes in a “Good Friday” Crucifixion / “Easter Sunday” Resurrection?

- > Start out defining the term of a Biblical Day... Genesis 1 (Creation account... Evening & the morning = a day) & Leviticus 23 (Day of Atonement Leviticus 23:32 “on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath.”) [this under girds Matthew 12:40 being literal days the same as what the story of Jonah outlines (Jonah 1:17). Note, if it comes up... Book of Jonah was in Hebrew so the Greek (or Aramaic) idiom argument does not apply]
- > Ask them how interpreting the less than 3 full Days & three full nights leaves no reasonable time for the women to buy the spices on the preparation day. Ask them to read with you and compare John 19:31 & Mark 16:1 / Luke 23:52-56
- > Remind them that to view things through the lens of observant Jews of that time keeping an annual high Sabbath (Unleavened Bread) and then a weekly Sabbath. (John 19:31 refer them also to Leviticus 23)
- > Askthem... Was Christ ‘wrong’ about the sign that He gave of Jonah being in the Belly of the great Fish THREE Days AND Three Nights? Did He have problems with counting? Did He falsely prophecy about His resurrection?
- > Share the HOPE you have in this Fundamental Belief! Discuss the absolute reliance we can, and should, have on Christ & The Father fulfilling ALL their promises... This IS THE ONLY SIGN He gave of who He is... Our Savior is NOT a liar!
- > John 2:18-22 NKJV So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?" (19) Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (20) Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" (21) But He was speaking of the temple of His body. (22) Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.
- > If this prophecy was NOT fulfilled in detail and completely... it makes the Bible as a whole questionable!
 - > Ask them to listen to you Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-23 NKJV... **This IS THE HOPE we have in this Fundamental Belief!**

Example Apologetic Reference-1

Fundamental #7. Three Days and Three Nights ('Three Days' search results in Paschal Triduum)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paschal_Triduum

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
(Redirected from [The Three Days](#))

The **Paschal Triduum** or **Easter Triduum** (Latin: *Triduum Paschale*),^[1] **Holy Triduum** (Latin: *Triduum Sacrum*), or the **Three Days**,^[2] is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of **Maundy Thursday**,^[3] reaches its high point in the **Easter Vigil**, and closes with evening prayer on **Easter Sunday**.^[4] It is a moveable observance recalling the **Passion**, **Crucifixion**, **Death**, **burial**, and **Resurrection of Jesus**, as portrayed in the **canonical Gospels**.^[5]

week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	Shrove Monday	Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day	1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4	Lent Invocabit
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	Reminiscere
3	11	12	13	14	15	16	Oculi
4	17	18	19	20	21	22	Laetare / Mothering Sunday
5	23	24	25	26	27	28	Passiontide Passion Sunday
6	29	30	31	32	33	34	Holy Week Palm Sunday
7	35 Holy Monday	36 Holy Tuesday	37 Holy / Spy Wednesday	38 Holy / Maundy Thursday	39 Good Friday	40 Holy Saturday	Paschal Triduum Easter Sunday

Paschal Triduum and other named days and day ranges around Lent and Easter in Western Christianity, with the fasting days of Lent numbered

In the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian and Reformed traditions, the Paschal Triduum straddles the two liturgical seasons of **Lent** and **Easter** in the Church calendar (**Holy Saturday** is the last day of Lent, with the **Easter Vigil** being the first liturgy of Eastertide); however, in the **Roman Catholic** tradition, since the **1955 reform** by **Pope Pius XII**, the Easter Triduum has been more clearly distinguished as a separate liturgical period. Previously, all these celebrations were advanced by more than twelve hours. The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** and the **Easter Vigil** were celebrated in the morning of Thursday and Saturday respectively, and **Holy Week** and **Lent** were seen as ending only on the approach of Easter.

In the **Roman Rite**, after the **Gloria in excelsis Deo** at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, all church bells are silenced and the organ is not used. The period that lasted from Thursday morning to before Easter Sunday began was once, in Anglo-Saxon times, referred to as "the still days".^[6] In the Catholic Church, **weddings**, which were once prohibited throughout the entire season of Lent and during certain other periods as well,^[7] are prohibited during the Triduum. Lutherans still discourage weddings during the entirety of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

Example Apologetic Reference-1 b

Fundamental #7. Three Days and Three Nights (Traditional View Summary)

Traditional View Summary:

(Annotated Excerpt from <https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-magazine/good-friday-easter-sunday-it-just-doesnt-add-up>)

Fitting “three days and three nights” between a Friday afternoon crucifixion and entombment just before sundown and a Sunday morning resurrection at sunrise...

This traditional view allows for Jesus to have been in the tomb for only one 24-hour day and parts of two others*!

Some believe that Christ’s statement that He would be “three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” does not require a literal span of three 24-hour days (72 hours total) or even close to that. They reason that any part of a day, even just a few minutes, can be reckoned as a whole day.

Thus, since Jesus died in the afternoon and was entombed just before sunset, they think the **closing few minutes of that Friday** constituted the first day, Friday night was the first night, Saturday was the second day, Saturday night was the second night, and a **few minutes at dawn on Sunday** morning made up the third day.

*The traditional view of the crucifixion and resurrection only allows for Jesus to have been entombed for a day and a half.

Example Apologetic Reference-2

Fundamental #7. Three Days and Three Nights (Fourth Night?!... Thursday Crucifixion?!

<https://www.northheightscoc.org/three-days-and-three-nights-now-with-chart/#post/0>

IF WE'RE TALKING LITERAL, ENTIRE, DAYS AND NIGHTS THEN WE HAVE TO WORK AROUND FULL TWELVE HOUR DAYS AND TWELVE HOUR NIGHTS...



SO IF JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON A WEDNESDAY (AS SOME TEACH), THEN...



SO IF JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON A THURSDAY (AS SOME TEACH), THEN...



JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON FRIDAY



https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/cruc_cfm

Holding to a Friday crucifixion really is at odds with Scripture. Scripture does say that it was the Feast of First Fruits when He arose, so we know that the resurrection was Sunday (i.e., sunset Saturday — Sunday sunrise). Therefore, using Jesus' own words we conclude it was a Wednesday or Thursday crucifixion

If we factor in two more important points there is a stronger case for a Thursday crucifixion:

<https://www.tcg.org/beyond-today/the-good-friday-dilemma>

The Good Friday Dilemma

Posted on Mar 29, 2012 by Allen Stout 15 comments Estimated reading time: 7 minutes

Recently, I was asked why I believe Jesus was crucified on Wednesday and rose on the Sabbath before sunset.

This is what the gentleman said: "You say that Jesus was crucified on Wednesday. This can't be. We know from [Luke 23:53-54](#) that he was taken down and laid in the sepulcher the same day that he was killed. That means that Wednesday night (would have been) the first night He was 'in the belly of the whale.' Thursday, the first day. Thursday night, the second night. Friday, the second day. Friday night, the third night. Saturday, the third day. We know that He rose again the first day of the week: Sunday morning. If true, that means that He would have been 'in the belly of the whale' on Saturday night, making it 4 nights, not three (see [Matthew 12:38-40](#)). This cannot be. Now, if he was crucified on a Thursday, this would work, but not on a Wednesday. See my point?"



TAG: Your IT!



Article / Reference / Sermon... Recommendations (w/ url links):

> BT Magazine Article: “Good Friday—Easter Sunday... It Just Doesn’t Add Up!”

by Mr. Scott Ashley

url = <https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-magazine/good-friday-easter-sunday-it-just-doesnt-add-up>

> UCG Article: “Centuries-Old Documents Show Evidence for a Wednesday Crucifixion”

by Mr. Mario Seigle

url = <https://www.ucg.org/the-good-news/centuries-old-documents-show-evidence-for-a-wednesday-crucifixion>

> UCG Article: “The Good Friday-Easter Sunday Question”

by Mr. Wibur Berg

Easter traditions are embraced by many who profess Christianity. However, none of these practices are to be found in the Bible or the customs of the early Church.

url = <https://www.ucg.org/the-good-news/the-good-friday-easter-sunday-question>

> Beyond Today Daily: “Three Days and Three Nights”

url = <https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-daily/three-days-and-three-nights>

> General Audio Resource: ABC Comparative Religion

Review of the world's major religions and the beliefs of each compared with Scripture.

Comparative Religion I url = <https://abc.ucg.org/courses/comparative-religion-i>

Comparative Religion II url = <https://abc.ucg.org/courses/comparative-religion-ii>



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