

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY REMINDER

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
Cradle Roll 2 Larry Byars
Sun. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Krisit Hooper
Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper
Wed. Wed. Eve. Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White
Cradle Roll 2: VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of March 13, 2016

Sunday School ----- 15
Sunday Morning Service ----- 36
Sunday Evening Service ----- 28
Wed. Eve. Service, 03/16/16 ----- 24

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of March 13, 2016

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,167.00
Total Received for Week of 03/13/16: \$ 1,167.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

LISTEN TO -



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PLUMBING REPAIR FUND -

Amount For Entire Project ----- \$6,606.99
Amount Received So Far ----- \$ 867.00
Total **STILL NEEDED** to pay off: \$5,739.99

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
Lois Mae Floyd ----- Pianist/ Organist
----- Greeter
Shayne Hooper, Brian Crawford, Charity Crawford ----- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, ----- Outreach
Bertha Segebarr ----- Custodian
Flowers ----- Shirley White, Charity Crawford



WHAT DAY WAS CHRIST CRUCIFIED?

(Original by Grady Daniel, edited and updated by Cooper Abrams)

No one disputes that Jesus arose on Sunday morning, but there is much debate as to what day He was crucified. Most of us were taught Friday was the day Jesus was crucified and this has been widely accepted as the traditional day of crucifixion. But if Christ was crucified on Friday, how was He in the grave for three days and three nights as Jesus said in Matthew 12:40 He would be?

The key to understanding the day of the week on which Christ was crucified lies in Matthew 12:38-40, where He specifically states He will be in *"the heart of the earth"* for *"three days and three nights."*

The traditional explanation mistakenly says that Jesus was crucified on Friday. Trying to justify that Friday was the day of the crucifixion those that whole this view say that the Jews counted any part of a day as a full day. That is, part of Friday is day one; Saturday, day two; and if arose sometime Sunday morning = day three.

This explanation has some serious problems, for the Jews did not reckon time the way we do. This is one of the first considerations

1. The Jewish day ended at sundown (6:00 PM) and the new day began at sunrise (6:00 AM).
2. Their Sabbath Day began at sundown Friday (about 6 p.m.) and ended at sundown Saturday. In Genesis 1:5 after the first day of creation, God said *"... the evening and the morning were the first day."* After the completion of each day of creation the Lord states the *"... the evening and the morning were the ____ day."*
3. The word "day", when used by itself, always and only

refers to a period of time. The word has to be modified to specify what period of time it means. For example, in Acts 10:40, the Bible says, *"Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly."* The word day, there, is modified by the word "third", and, therefore, we know it refers specifically to only the third day (see also Acts 20:7 which refers to Sunday...the "first day" of the week). Romans 2:16 says, *"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel"*, referring to the Judgment Day).

The modifier makes it specific as to the period of time. Grammatically, three days and three nights means three twenty four hour periods of time.

If Jesus was crucified on the traditional Friday and rose again anytime after 6 p.m. Saturday (the Jewish Sabbath), He could not have been in the tomb ("heart of the earth") three full days and three full nights as He said He would be. Some might try to dismiss the importance of Jesus' statement, but He said it would be a sign to the Jews that He **was** the Messiah. If He was not actually in the grave three full days and three full nights, there would be no way to authenticate the sign, so He had to be in the tomb the full time as He stated.

In the Jewish way of reckoning time, from Friday at 6 p.m. to Saturday at 6 p.m., only twenty-four hours would have passed if Jesus had been buried before 6 p.m. on Friday. From Saturday at 6 p.m. until Sunday morning at day break, it would have been a maximum of twelve hours. That gives a total of only thirty-six hours, not the seventy-two hours the Bible records that He was in the grave. Jesus said He would be in the grave for seventy-two hours and therefore He could not have been crucified on Friday.

Friday afternoon to Saturday 6 PM = 24 hours.

Saturday, 6 PM to Sunday, 6 AM = 12 hours.

Total = 36 hours (not enough time)

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□ WERE THESE THREE LITERAL DAYS/NIGHTS?

Some mistakenly refer to the passage where in John 11:9 Jesus asked, “...**are there not twelve hours in the day**” to explain away the problem with the time. In creation, God divided the day and night. The evening and the morning = 1 day. If there were twelve (12) hours in a day, then there must have been twelve (hours) in a night and the total would be twenty-four hours.

Also, anytime in the Bible when the word “day” is preceded by a number, it means whatever number of days is denoted by that number. “Day” can also be used in the Bible to mean an unspecified period of days such as Day of the Lord.

Dr. Charles Halff, Director of the Christian Jew Foundation, in writing “The Fallacies of Easter” stated: “*Sometimes people ask, 'Didn't the Jews count part of a day as a whole day or part of a night as a whole night?' Let me say this, beloved. Whenever you have the expression 'day and night' mentioned together in the Hebrew Scriptures, it always means a full day and a full night. . . For instance, if you will turn to Esther 4:16; 5:1; 1 Samuel; 30:12-13, and of course Jonah 1:17, you will find the expression 'three days and three nights.' And in every instance it means full days and full nights - not part of a day and part of a night.*”

From Friday to Sunday is not three 24-hour days. Jesus said he would be resurrected after three (3) days. In Mark 8:31, the Bible states, “**And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.**” Counting backwards from Sunday three days, you will not arrive at Friday. You have to count the way the Jews did.

□ HOW COULD WEDNESDAY BE THE DAY BEFORE THE SABBATH?

But if He was crucified the day before the Sabbath, how could He have been crucified on Wednesday? The answer lies in the fact that the Jews celebrated more Sabbaths than just the weekly Sabbath - they had a number of feast days that were called “High Sabbaths,” or high days. He arose on the first day of the week after the Sabbaths* (plural). Sometime after 6 p.m. Saturday, end of the Jewish day, in Matthew 28:1 we read; “**In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.**”

Dr. C. I. Scofield states that the word, “Sabbath” in this verse is plural; from the Greek word “sabbata.” The day after the crucifixion was not the regular (Saturday) Sabbath but a Special (“High” - Greek, “megas”, large) Sabbath. John 19:31 says, “**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.**”

The Jews observed several “high” Sabbaths (“holy convocations”) in their seasons. Leviticus 23:3-6 says, “**Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the**

Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.”

The first Jewish month (Nisan or Abib) is our April. The Feast of the Passover (a high Sabbath) and the Feast of the Unleavened Bread (another high Sabbath) were celebrated on April 14th and 15th respectively.

The day Jesus died was the preparation day (Wednesday) for the Passover celebration that was to be held on Thursday - “**And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he (meaning Pilate) saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!**” (John 19:14). This was the morning of the crucifixion day. Verse 31 states, “**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.**”

Therefore, Passover (Nisan 14) was on Thursday, that year, the Feast of Unleavened Bread began on Friday (seven day feast last to Nisan 21), and the regular weekday Sabbath was on Saturday. Jesus was crucified in the morning on Wednesday, and He was placed in the tomb before 6 P.M. that day. He arose from the grave sometime after 6 P.M. on Saturday, which would be early Sunday morning, the first day of the week, according to Jewish time-keeping. This explanation fits Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 12:40 that He would be “**three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**”

□ FURTHER EVIDENCE FROM THE BIBLE

The women purchased spices “after the Sabbath” or the Passover (Nisan 14 - Thursday) which would have been Friday as Mark 15:42 and Luke 23:52-54 state. They would not have broken the Law and purchased anything on the Day of the Passover, or the regular Sabbath on Saturday. Luke 23:56 says they returned and prepared the spices and “rested on the Sabbath” which was the regular Sabbath on Saturday. Then on the first day of the week, Sunday morning they went to the tomb to prepare the body.

□ CONCLUSION:

This is the only view that fits the biblical account. Jesus was crucified on Wednesday and buried before 6:00 PM that day. The Jewish day, which began at 6:00 PM, was the Passover (Nisan 14). Therefore, the Passover began on Wednesday after 6:00 PM, which would actually be Thursday as the Jews reckoned time. The women, who brought the spices on Friday, rested on Saturday and went on Sunday morning after 6:00 AM, finding the empty tomb. This is the series of events and is accord with Jesus' statement in Matthew 12:38-40. Hence, Jesus was in the grave three full days and three nights. Any other view violates the biblical account and the historical facts. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

□ **KEEPERS AT HOME** - Few things are more important than for a Christian mother to be a keeper at home. Many fathers of godly grown children have told me that one of the wisest decisions they made was to keep their wives at home to be with the children. I can say that myself. My grown children can say that. The mothers of all eight of our grandkids are keepers at home, and it is paying good dividends to those families. Young families can easily use the extra income from the mother working outside the home, but God has promised to meet our needs when we put Him first (Mat. 6:33).

Evangelist Billy Sunday and his wife, Nell, provide a sharp warning on this subject. In 1908, they left their three boys (age 15, 7, and 1) in the care of nannies and traveled together on the evangelism trail. Nell was Billy's campaign and business manager. Their boys turned out to be drunkards with nine marriages between them. **They all died before age 40:** George of suicide after being arrested for drunkenness and auto theft, Billy Jr. in a drunken car crash, Paul in the crash of an airplane he was piloting. Yet during World War I, Nell Sunday pushed for women to work outside the home. She said, “... at last, the doors of the Doll House have been opened and women have been invited to come into the great world outside.” The only Sunday child that turned out “right” was their first child, a daughter that Nell raised herself before venturing out of the home. If there aren't children at home, of course, that is a different story. “**The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed**” (Titus 2:3-5).

□ **KING GEORGE I AND HANDEL'S MUSIC** - The following is excerpted from “Music and the Brain” by Laurence O'Donnell, cerebronte.org.br: “The key component of music that makes it beneficial is **order**. The order of the music from the baroque and classical periods causes the brain to respond in special ways. This order includes repetition and changes, certain patterns of rhythm, and pitch and mood contrasts. One key ingredient to the order of music from the baroque and classical periods is **math**. This is realized by the body and the human mind performs better when listening to this ordered music.

One shining example of the power of order in music is King George I of England. King George had problems with memory loss and stress management. He read from the Bible the story of King Saul and recognized that Saul had experienced the same type of problems that he was experiencing. George recognized that Saul overcame his problems by using special music. With this story in mind, King George asked Frederick Handel to write some special music for him that would help him in the same way that music helped Saul. Handel wrote his **Water Music** for this

purpose.”

□ **FOX'S NEW PROGRAM GLORIFIES LUCIFER** - The following is excerpted from “Lucifer continues to be portrayed as a likable guy,” OneMillionMoms, Mar. 3, 2016:

“Fox's new drama Lucifer glorifies Satan as a caring, likable person in human flesh. The character **Lucifer Morningstar** makes being the devil look cool and irresistible to women. ... The series focuses on Lucifer portrayed as a good guy 'who is bored and unhappy as the Lord of Hell.' He resigns his throne, abandons his kingdom, and retires to Los Angeles, where he gets his kicks helping the LAPD punish criminals. At the same time, God's emissary, the angel Amenadiel, has been sent to Los Angeles to convince Lucifer to return to the underworld. Lucifer questions Amenadiel, 'Do you think I'm the devil because I'm inherently evil or just because dear old Dad decided I was?' The question is meant to make people rethink assumptions about good and evil, including about God and Satan....The message of the show is clear: Lucifer is just misunderstood. He doesn't want to be a bad guy, it's God who is forcing him to play that role.”

CONCLUDING NOTE: According to Scripture, the devil is not the lord of hell. He is a high angel who led the first rebellion against God. He is called the “**god of this world**” and the “**prince of the power of the air,**” but he is not a true god; he is under God's power and is being used as an instrument for God's purposes. He has never been in hell, but ultimately he will be cast into the lake of fire and will not be the lord or king of anything. While Fox and Fox News (both owned by 21st Century Fox) are more politically conservative than the other major television news sources, they are not a force for godliness.

