



Knowing and

Defending the Faith

Knowing and Defending Jesus (Yeshua) as the Promised, Jewish Messiah (Part 1)

The 3 Required Jewish Pilgrimages — Annual Remembrance (Exodus 23 & 34)

Required Pilgrimage #1 (during early spring)
Passover (with Unleavened Bread & Firstfruits)

Required Pilgrimage #2 (during late spring)
Pentecost or Weeks

Required Pilgrimage #3 (during early fall)
Tabernacles, Tents, or Booths

Leviticus 23:4-6; 10-11 (ESV) 4 "These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. ⁵ In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD's Passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. ¹⁰ "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, 11 and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. On the 14th day of Abib On the 16th day of Abib On the 15th day of Abib (or Nisan/ Nissan) (or Nisan/ Nissan) (or Nisan/ Nissan)
Think "PUF" (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits)

Start with identifying the Passover Lamb

Exodus 12:2-3 (NKJV) ² "This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall* be the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth *day* of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

John 12:1; 12-13 (NIV) ¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Save/ deliver now (please) Israel!"

Jesus Fulfills the Passover and the Exodus

Exodus 12:6-7 (HCSB)

⁶ You are to keep it until the then the whole assembly of the community of Israel will slaughter the animals at twilight. ⁷ They must take on the two door-posts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them.

John 1:29 (NIV) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, fourteenth day of this month; the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

> 1 Corinthians 5:7b (NASB1995) For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

Luke 9:30-31 (ESV) 30 And behold, two some of the blood and put it men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. "Greek: Exodus

On the 15th of Abib, Jesus' "unleavened" body is in the grave How do the Scriptures give us clues regarding "leaven"?

Exodus 12:15 you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Matthew 16:11-12 (NKJV) 11 How is it you (NASB1995) Seven days do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?--but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not tell *them* to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

> 1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV) Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

On the 16th of Abib, Jesus is the Firstfruits from the Dead

1 Corinthians 15:20 (HCSB) But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Colossians 1:18 (NASB1995) He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Revelation 1:5-6 (NIV) ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Matthew 5:17 (ESV) Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

50 Days After Firstfruits (Resurrection) is the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost

Leviticus 23:15-16 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ¹⁵ 'You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths.

¹⁶ 'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD.

What happened on the very first Pentecost?

What happened on the first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection?

What's our response? Romans 12:1 (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.