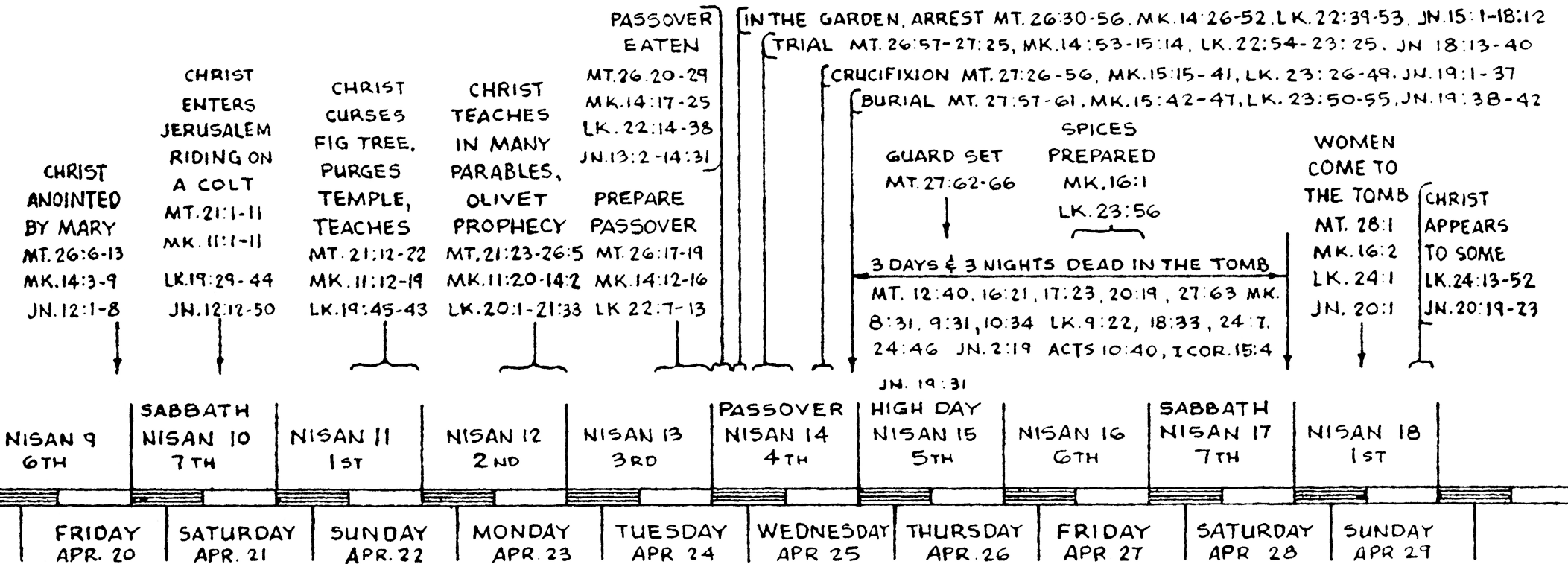


THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

OR: THE FULFILLMENT OF PASSOVER

31 A.D.



CHRIST'S DEATH WAS PROPHESED (GEN. 3:15) AND PREFIGURED IN ANIMAL SACRIFICES (GEN. 3:21, 4:4) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST SIN. THE ONE DOCTRINE THAT ALL "CHRISTIANITY" BELIEVES IN IS THAT CHRIST DIED TO SAVE SINNERS (ROM. 5:6,8). PASSOVER SYMBOLIZES THIS FIRST STEP IN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION. A LAMB WAS CHOSEN ON THE 10TH

DAY OF THE MONTH, WHICH WAS A TYPE OF CHRIST ENTERING JERUSALEM (EXO. 12:3). IN THE YEAR OF THE EXODUS AND OF THE CRUCIFIXION, THIS DAY FELL ON THE SABBATH. IN OTHER WORDS, "PALM SUNDAY" WAS ACTUALLY PALM SATURDAY, AND SCHOLARS HAVE THIS WEEK ALL MESSED UP TRYING TO CRUCIFY CHRIST ON FRIDAY. HE

WAS CUT OFF "IN THE MIDST OF THE WEEK"—WEDNESDAY (DAN. 9:27). THE JEWS HAD COME TO OBSERVE PASSOVER A DAY LATE, SO THEY REJECTED JESUS AS CHRIST. AND "CHRISTIANS" OBSERVE A "COMMUNION" OR "LORD'S SUPPER" RATHER THAN PASSOVER, SO THEY WORSHIP CHRIST IN VAIN. AT HIS RESURRECTION HE BECAME THE FIRSTBORN OF GOD (COL. 1:18).