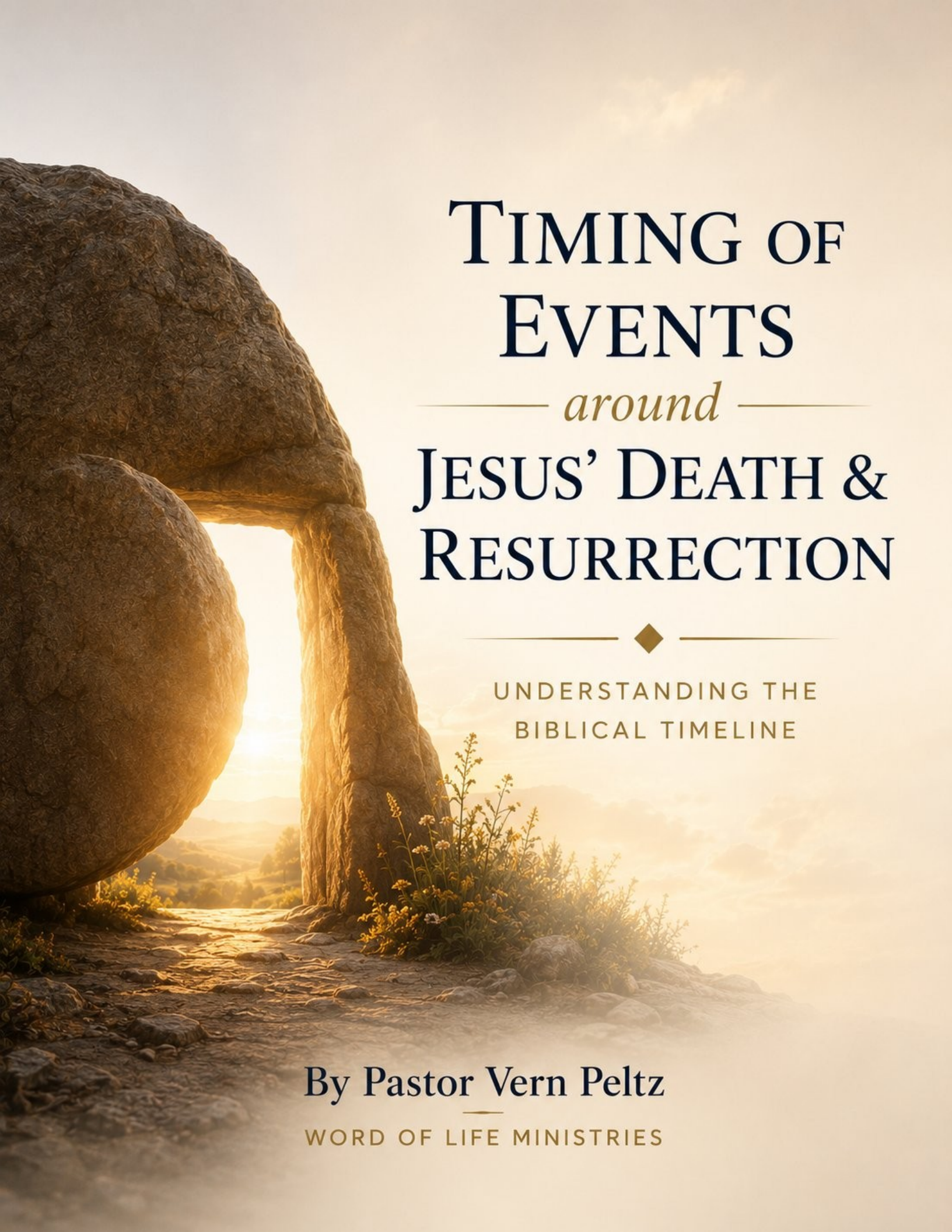




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Mark 10:33-34 — Jesus predicted he would rise from the dead in 3 days. (cf. Matt. 12:40, 16:21, 17:23, 20:17-19; Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:34; Luke 9:22, 18:31-33, 24:7, 46; Acts 10:40; I Cor. 15:4)

Prophesied in: Isa. 53:12; Ps. 16:10; Jonah 1:17. Luke 11:29 is one example of other places in the gospels where Jesus spoke of his death and resurrection.

We believe Jesus rose on the first day of the week (Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1).

- So his death had to be on Wednesday — 3 days prior.
- Technically, we should celebrate 'Good Wednesday', not 'Good Friday'.

With that in mind, the Triumphal Entry actually took place on Friday.

(1) In John 12:1 — it says that Jesus arrived at Bethany six days before the Passover.

- Six days before the Passover was the Thursday of the previous week. So Jesus arrived in Bethany on a Thursday.

(2) John 12:12 — the next day was the triumphal entry which was Friday.

(3) Mark 11:12 — The day after the Triumphal Entry, Jesus cleared the temple and cursed the fig tree. This was Saturday (the weekly Sabbath).

*** Side thought:

- Bethany was about 2 miles from Jerusalem (John 11:18).
 - Jesus broke the distance allowed to walk on the Sabbath by Jewish law.

From *chabad.org*:

"Because driving, biking, blading, skateboarding or other device-driven means of transportation are prohibited on Shabbat, we walk rather than commute to synagogue. However, even walking on Shabbat has its limits.

Jewish law sets the maximum walking range from one's city to 2,000 cubits (3,049.5 feet, 0.596 miles (960 meters)). [However, this measurement starts 70 2/3 cubits (112.24 ft.) from the city limits.] Practically speaking, this means that you may not walk a straight line more than .598 miles (3161.74 ft.) in any direction in the wilds outside your city limits."

This must have been a man-made law, because Jesus broke it by walking too far (about 2 miles) the day after the Triumphal Entry which was the weekly Sabbath.

(4) Mark 11:20 — The next morning (Sunday) the fig tree was withered. The rest of chapter 11 through 13 are on Sunday.

(5) Mark 14:1 — The Passover is two days away. That makes this Monday. The day Jesus was anointed with the alabaster box of ointment. Also the day Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests to betray Jesus.

(6) Mark 14:12 — Preparations for the Last Supper were made during the day on Tuesday.

(7) Mark 14:17 — That Tuesday evening, they had the Last Supper.

(Remember: for the Jew, after sunset on Tuesday evening was considered Wednesday. Each new day began at evening after sunset (Gen. 1:5, 8 etc.). So Wednesday begins after sunset on what we consider Tuesday and goes to sunset on Wednesday. Jesus had the Last Supper with the disciples on Tuesday evening which was the beginning of the Passover. So technically according to Jewish time, Jesus had the Last Supper on the same day he was crucified — Passover.)

(8) Mark 14:72 — The rooster crowing three times happened on Wednesday morning.

(9) Mark 15:1-41 — Jesus was brought before Pilate and was crucified. This happened on Wednesday. v. 25 says Jesus was crucified at the third hour which was about 9:00 am on our clock. From the sixth hour (noon) until about the ninth hour (which is 3:00 pm on our clock) there was darkness on the land (v. 33). Jesus died about 3:00 in the afternoon (v. 34-37) and the veil in the temple was torn in half (v. 38).

(10) Mark 15:42-46 — Preparation Day was also that Wednesday. It was the day before the first special Sabbath (John 19:31) of Unleavened Bread (not the weekly Sabbath). With Thursday being the first Sabbath of Unleavened Bread (Lev. 23:6-7), Jesus needed to be off the cross before it began. Jesus died around 3:00 pm, and needed to be off the cross before sunset.

(11) Mark 16:1 — Jesus was in the tomb 3 days and 3 nights, so the Sabbath spoken of in this verse is the weekly Sabbath. Jesus died on Wednesday, so Wednesday night and Thursday are one day; Thursday night and Friday are the second day; Friday night and Saturday are the third day. Jesus rose some time after sunset on Saturday which was the weekly Sabbath. He was risen by sunrise on Sunday (see next verse).

(12) Mark 16:2 — Very early in the morning (around sunrise) on the first day of the week (Sunday) the women went to the tomb and Jesus was risen.