IS GOOD FRIDAY REALLY GOOD, AND DOES IT MATTER?

Truth trumps tradition - Mark 7:6-13 - 6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They **worship me in vain**; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' 8 You have let go of the **commands of God** and are holding on to the **traditions of men**." 9 And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' 11 But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God), 12 then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. 13 Thus you nullify the **word of God** by your tradition that you have handed down. And **YOU DO MANY THINGS LIKE THAT**."

Our walk of Faith must depend on Christ only - Col 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world **rather than on Christ**.

The Most important thing is that Jesus Rose - 1 Cor 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

Is how long Jesus was in the grave really important? -Matt 12:39-41 - 39 He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it **EXCEPT** the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

Jesus was crucified on a day of Preparation. - John 19:14-16 – 14 It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. 15But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. 16Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

The preparation was before a "special Sabbath" not the regular Sabbath –

John 19: 31Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a **special Sabbath**. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

John 19:38-42 38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. 42 Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Mary & Mary went after the HIGH Sabbath (1st day of unleavened bread) to purchase spices - Mark 16:1 – 1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome **bought spices** so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

After preparing the Spices they rested On the Sabbath - Luke 23:54-56 – 54 It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. 55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. 56 Then they went home and **prepared spices** and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

On Sunday they went to put the spices on Jesus body - Luke 24:1-8 - On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; **he HAS risen!** Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" 8 Then they remembered his words.

It is through sound doctrine that we know Christ died & Rose - 1 Cor 15:3-4 - 3For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that **HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**,

POSSIBLE TIMELINE:

A. Wednesday night (Preparation) – Crucifixion (N1)

B. Thursday day (Special Sabbath (Passover)) – Rest (D1)

C. Thursday night (N2)

----------Purchase and prepare spices

D. Friday Day (Preparation Day) (D2)

E. Friday Night (N3)

---------- Rest

F. Saturday day (Regular Sabbath) (D3)

G. Saturday Night

---------- He is risen

H. Sunday day

Full timeline of the final days

- **Passover (Wednesday)**
  - Jesus Celebrate Passover – Luke 22:13-15
  - Jesus Prayed 3 times – Mark 14:26, 39, 41
  - Jesus was betrayed and arrested – Mark 14:53
  - Jesus Bound and delivered to Pilate – Mark 15:1
  - 9am Crucifixion began - Mark 15:25
  - 12-3PM Darkness over the land – Mark 15:33
- **Passover (Wednesday evening) Night 1**
  - Jesus Died – Mark 15:34,37
  - Jesus laid in the Tomb – Mark 15:42-47
- **High Day (Feast of Unleavened Bread a Sabbath) (Thursday)Day1**
- **High Day (Feast of Unleavened Bread a Sabbath) (Thursday evening) Night 2**
- **Friday Day 2**
  - Mary, Mary, & Salome bought embalming spices – Mark 16:1
  - The women prepare the spices – Luke 23:56
- **Friday evening Night3**
  - The women rest on the Sabbath – Luke 23:56
- **Saturday – Sabbath Day 3**
  - Jesus Most likely rose
- **Saturday Night (This would be night 4)**
- **Sunday (This would be Day 4)**
  - The women went to prepare Christs body – Luke24:1
  - Jesus has already risen – Luke 24: 2-6