

Sunday — June 11, 2023

**The Mission of the Messiah
Ascension**

1. Arch of Titus

2. Spoils from the Temple

3. Tabernacle Replica

4. Titus Ascending

Acts 17: 2 – 4 (NLT)

*As was Paul's custom, he went to the synagogue service, and for three Sabbaths in a row he used the Scriptures to reason with the people.³ He explained the prophecies and proved that the Messiah must suffer **and rise from the dead**. He said, "This Jesus I'm telling you about is the Messiah."⁴ Some of the Jews who listened were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with many God-fearing Greek men and quite a few prominent women.*

The Passion Week Pattern:

- **Palm Sunday /
Selection of Lamb
(Leviticus 23)**
- **Crucified on Passover
(Exodus 12)**
- **Buried on Feast of Unleavened Bread**
- **Raised on Feast of 1st Fruits**

1 Corinthians 15: 20 (NLT)

... in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

Matthew 27: 50 - 53 (NLT)

*Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart,⁵² and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead.⁵³ They left the cemetery **after Jesus' resurrection**, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.*

Romans 6: 1 – 4 (NLT)

...should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ² Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³ Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Acts 1: 1 – 11 (NLT)

*So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”
⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”*

5. Mount Sinai Experience

Exodus 19: 5 & 6 (NLT)

Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’...

Matthew 28: (NLT)

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him — but some of them doubted! ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

6. Bethany

