

## HOW LONG WAS JESUS IN THE GRAVE?

1	Jonah 1:17	Jonah was in the fish 3 days and 3 nights
2	Matthew 12:38-40	Jesus to be 3 days and 3 nights in the grave
3	Matthew 16:21	Jesus would be raised again the third day
4	Matthew 17:22-23	"The third day He would be raised again."
5	Mark 8:31	"And after three days rise again."
6	Luke 9:22	"And be raised the third day."
7	Matthew 27:62-66	"after three days"; "until the third day"
8	John 11:39	"He stinketh: for he hath been dead four days."
9	Acts 2:25-32	"His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption."
10	John 19:31	Jesus died on the preparation day before the Sabbath
11	Luke 23:50-56; 24:1-3	Jesus rose on the first of the week after Sabbath

Lazarus, whose body had seen corruption in the grave, but who now rejoiced in the strength of glorious manhood, led the beast on which the Saviour rode. DA 572

On the sixth day of the week they had seen their Master die; on the first day of the next week they found themselves deprived of His body, and they were accused of having stolen it away for the sake of deceiving the people. DA 794

At last Jesus was at rest. The long day of shame and torture was ended. As the last rays of the setting sun ushered in the Sabbath, the Son of God lay in quietude in Joseph's tomb. His work completed, His hands folded in peace, He rested through the sacred hours of the Sabbath day.

In the beginning the Father and the Son had rested upon the Sabbath after Their work of creation. When "the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them" (Gen. 2:1), the Creator and all heavenly beings rejoiced in contemplation of the glorious scene. "The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:7. Now Jesus rested from the work of redemption; and though there was grief among those who loved Him on earth, yet there was joy in heaven. Glorious to the eyes of heavenly beings was the promise of the future. A restored creation, a redeemed race, that having conquered sin could never fall,--this, the result to flow from Christ's completed work, God and angels saw. With this scene the day upon which Jesus rested is forever linked. For "His work is perfect;" and "whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever." Deut. 32:4; Eccl. 3:14. When there shall be a "restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:21), the creation Sabbath, the day on which Jesus lay at rest in Joseph's tomb, will still be a day of rest and rejoicing. Heaven and earth will unite in praise, as "from one Sabbath to another" (Isa. 66:23) the nations of the saved shall bow in joyful worship to God and the Lamb. DA 769-770