

# How many hours had Jesus been dead before his Father and his God, Yehovah, raised him from the dead?

Was that *after three days and three nights*—so a total of 72 hours?

Or *within two days, on the third day*—that is, in less than 39 hours?

It is certain that Jesus died on the cross at Golgotha, outside the walls of ancient Jerusalem, on a Friday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. (*the ninth hour*).

If we add a total of 72 hours to that, Jesus would not have been raised from the dead until after 3:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

Apart from the fact that we would then have reached the **fourth** day in terms of time, Jesus' Resurrection *could have taken place on **Monday** afternoon in daylight between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., or only in the evening, at night, or very early **Tuesday** morning*. By then, Tuesday would already be the **fifth** day.

At that time of year in Jerusalem, the sun set around 6:00 p.m. (*there was no daylight saving time back then*) and the next day began. In the case of three full days and nights of death, this would mean the last three hours of the fourth day—Monday—or after 6:00 p.m. on the fifth day—Tuesday.

It was said of Jesus that his body would not see corruption, meaning that his dead body would not decompose.

Handelingen 2

Acts 2

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<p>31 Heeft hij in de toekomst gezien en gesproken van de opstanding van de Christus, dat Hij niet aan het dodenrijk is overgelaten, <b>noch zijn vlees ontbinding heeft gezien.</b></p> <p>32 Deze Jezus heeft God opgewekt, waarvan wij allen getuigen zijn.</p>	<p>31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, <b>neither his flesh did see corruption.</b></p> <p>32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.</p>

It is known that Lazarus, whom Jesus Christ raised from the dead, had begun to decompose by the time the stone was rolled away from his tomb. His sister Martha had already noticed this. Lazarus had been dead for four days, so he would certainly have begun to decompose. Jesus did not arrive at Lazarus's tomb until the fourth day or later, by which time Lazarus had already died and been buried. In warm climates, a corpse begins to decompose quickly.

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<p><sup>39</sup> Jezus zeide: Neemt de steen weg! Marta, de zuster van de gestorvene, zeide tot Hem: Here, er is reeds een lijklicht, want het is al de vierde dag.</p>	<p><sup>39</sup> Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been [dead] four days.</p>

Jesus's dead body would therefore have begun to decompose—or would have already decomposed—after three days and three nights, or 72 hours.

The fact that they quickly wrapped Jesus's dead body in linen cloths sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*John 19:40*) was done in a hurry because of the Sabbath (*Saturday*), which began at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

Therefore, Jesus could never have been raised by his Father and God only after three days and nights—a total of 72 hours or more.

I believe that Jesus could have been dead for a period ranging from 27 hours to about 38 hours.

Let's count the hours:

From Friday afternoon at 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

**That's 3 hours.**

The entire Sabbath until Saturday afternoon at 6:00 PM.

**That's 24 hours.**

And after  $3 + 24 = 27$  hours, Jesus was raised from the dead sometime in *the evening, night, or very early morning*.

So at least 27 hours, plus the hours starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday (*when Sunday began*).

*For example*, since Jesus was dead for 30 hours, it would have been 9:00 p.m. when he rose from the dead.

Or, for example, 33 hours—in which case Yehovah would have raised His Son from the dead around midnight (*12:00 a.m. on our clock*).

**This is just my speculation, so don't take it too seriously:** For example, 33 hours—one hour for each year of Jesus' life, assuming he was 33 years old.

Or this one: 35 hours of death because  $5 \times 7 = 35$ .

The number 5 represents Grace, and the number 7 represents Perfection.

If it takes 39 hours to die, that's too long—because by then it'll already be around 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

That wasn't really early, and it probably wasn't dark anymore. The sun rose around 5:30 a.m. in Jerusalem (*there was no daylight saving time back then*).

Johannes 20	John 20
<p>© NBG</p> <p><sup>1</sup> En op de eerste dag der week ging Maria van Magdala vroeg, <b>terwijl het nog donker was</b>, naar het graf en zij zag de steen van het graf weggenomen.</p>	<p>King James</p> <p><sup>1</sup> The first [day] of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, <b>when it was yet dark</b>, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.</p>

So, in any case, he had been dead for more than 27 hours, but less than 39 hours. And that's not even two full days. So Jesus rose from the dead *on the third day, within* two days.

Jesus could never have died on any day other than a Friday, because that would mean his Resurrection would have to occur on a day other than a Sunday. The TIMELINE for this is found in Acts 1:3, and that TIMELINE is 40 days.

Handelingen 1	Acts 1
<p>© NBG</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Aan wie Hij Zich ook na zijn lijden met vele kentekenen levend heeft vertoond, <b>veertig dagen</b> lang hun verschijnende en tot hen sprekende over al wat het Koninkrijk Gods betreft.</p>	<p>King James</p> <p><sup>3</sup> To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them <b>forty days</b>, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:</p>

If Jesus had not died on a Friday afternoon around 3:00 p.m., but earlier in the week, then this 40-DAY TIMELINE would be too short to end on a Sunday.

The days following Friday are out of the question anyway, because that would make the 40-day TIMELINE too long and extend past Sunday.

Jesus must have gotten up *very early* on Sunday morning—or even earlier—because otherwise you could never end up on a THURSDAY.

ONLY if Jesus rose on a SUNDAY can 40 DAYS later fall on a THURSDAY, and 10 days after that, on Pentecost, also a Sunday.

There's no other day when that works.

So, dead on *Friday* and back to life *very early Sunday morning—or even earlier*—and then seen and heard for 40 days; the only way that works is on a Thursday.

Below is an image of April and May 2026.

I simply counted the 40 days.

APRIL 2026							MEI 2026								
	Ma	Di	Wo	Do	Vr	Za	Zo		Ma	Di	Wo	Do	Vr	Za	Zo
13	30	31	1	2	3	4	15	14	27	28	29	30	27	28	29
14	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	18	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	19	37	38	39	40	15	16	17
16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
17	23	24	25	26	1	2		21	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

In the case of Jesus, those 40 days can only fit between the day of his Resurrection and his Ascension. This means that Jesus must have risen very early on SUNDAY, or even during the night,

### Johannes 20

### John 20

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because SUNDAY must count as a FULL DAY within the total 40 days during which Jesus could be seen, heard, and touched.

### On what date did Jesus die on the cross?

According to the **Julian calendar**, the month of Nisan in the year 33 began at sunset on Thursday, March 19, and the 15th day of that month ran from sunset on April 2 to sunset on April 3. Jesus' crucifixion therefore took place on Friday, April 3, of the year 33. That was on the Jewish month and day of Nisan 15 of the year 33.

According to our current **Gregorian calendar**, Jesus' crucifixion is believed to have taken place on April 1, in the year 33. I reached my conclusion regarding the year and date of Jesus' crucifixion after carefully reading this page on J.C. Plooy's website:

[www.jcplooy.nl/jezus/docs/datering\\_kruisiging.html](http://www.jcplooy.nl/jezus/docs/datering_kruisiging.html)

QUOTE: 'The following table shows the dates in the years 26–36 AD when the vernal equinox occurred, when the new moon took place, and when the moon became visible again after the new moon':

Jaar	Lente-equinox [12]	Nieuwe maan [13]	Zichtbaar worden van de maan [14]
26	zaterdag 23 maart, 0 uur	zaterdag 6 april, 7 uur	zondag 7 april, 's ochtends
27	zondag 23 maart, 6 uur	woensdag 26 maart, 19 uur	donderdag 27 maart, 's avonds
28	maandag 22 maart, 12 uur	maandag 15 maart, 2 uur	dinsdag 16 maart, 's ochtends
29	dinsdag 22 maart, 18 uur	zaterdag 2 april, 19 uur	zondag 3 april, 's avonds
30	donderdag 23 maart, 0 uur	woensdag 22 maart, 20 uur	donderdag 23 maart, 's avonds
31	vrijdag 23 maart, 5 uur	maandag 12 maart, 1 uur	dinsdag 13 maart, 's ochtends
32	zaterdag 22 maart, 11 uur	zaterdag 29 maart, 22 uur	zondag 30 maart, 's avonds
33	zondag 22 maart, 17 uur	donderdag 19 maart, 12 uur	vrijdag 20 maart, 's middags
34	maandag 22 maart, 23 uur	dinsdag 9 maart, 6 uur	woensdag 10 maart, 's ochtends
35	woensdag 23 maart, 5 uur	maandag 28 maart, 6 uur	dinsdag 29 maart, 's ochtends
36	donderdag 22 maart, 11 uur	vrijdag 16 maart, 17 uur	zaterdag 17 maart, 's avonds

QUOTE: 'Based on this, it is possible to calculate from year to year when the month of Nisan begins, namely on the day of the last sunset before the new moon became visible again':

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Jaar	Begin van de maand Nisan
26	zaterdag 6 april
27	donderdag 27 maart
28	maandag 15 maart
29	zondag 3 april
30	donderdag 23 maart
31	maandag 12 maart
32	zondag 30 maart
33	donderdag 19 maart
34	dinsdag 9 maart
35	maandag 28 maart
36	zaterdag 17 maart

SOURCE: [www.jcplooy.nl/jezus/docs/datering\\_kruisiging.html](http://www.jcplooy.nl/jezus/docs/datering_kruisiging.html)

QUOTE: 'As this table shows, between the years 26 and 36 AD, there were only three years in which the month of Nisan began on a Thursday: the years 27, 30, and 33. Therefore, Jesus could not have been crucified in any of the other years.'

**The 27–39-hour death version:** When it is said that Jesus would be raised **on the third day**, this refers to the period from 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon through the hours following 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, and then the first and early hours of Sunday.

**The 72-hour version:** When it is said that Jesus would be raised **after three days and three nights**, this refers to the period from 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon through 3:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon.

In that case, Jesus would have been raised on the **fourth day** in the late afternoon, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., or, if after sunset **on the fifth day**, on Tuesday.

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<p>21 Van toen aan begon Jezus Christus zijn discipelen te tonen, dat Hij naar Jeruzalem moest gaan en veel lijden van de zijde der oudsten en overpriesters en schriftgeleerden en gedood worden <b>en ten derden dage</b> opgewekt worden. <b>Mattheus 16:21</b></p>	<p>21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the <b>third day</b>. <b>Matthew 16:21</b></p>
<p>23 En zij zullen Hem ter dood brengen en <b>ten derden dage</b> zal Hij opgewekt worden. En zij werden zeer bedroefd. <b>Mattheus 17:23</b></p>	<p>23 And they shall kill him, and <b>the third day</b> he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. <b>Matthew 17:23</b></p>
<p>19 En zij zullen Hem overleveren aan de heidenen om Hem te bespotten en te geselen en te kruisigen, en <b>ten derden dage</b> zal Hij opgewekt worden. <b>Mattheus 20:19</b></p>	<p>19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify [him]: and <b>the third day</b> he shall rise again. <b>Matthew 20:19</b></p>

**Matthew 27:62–64** is special. *The chief priests and Pharisees recall the event three days later.* Can we trust what people like that claim? In most Bible translations, verse 64 reads “**until the third day.**” It does not say “**up to the third day.**”

<p>62 De volgende dag, dat is na de Voorbereiding, kwamen de overpriesters en de Farizeeen gezamenlijk tot Pilatus,</p>	<p>62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,</p>
<p>63 En zij zeiden: Heer, wij hebben ons herinnerd, dat die verleider bij zijn leven gezegd heeft: Na drie dagen word Ik opgewekt.</p>	<p>63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.</p>
<p>64 Geef daarom bevel het graf te verzekeren tot de derde dag; anders konden zijn discipelen Hem komen stelen, en tot het volk zeggen: Hij is opgewekt uit de doden, en de laatste dwaling zou erger zijn dan de eerste. <b>Mattheus 27:62-64</b></p>	<p>64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. <b>Matthew 27:62-64</b></p>

<p>22 En Hij zeide: De Zoon des mensen moet veel lijden en verworpen worden door de oudsten en overpriesters en schriftgeleerden en gedood worden en <b>ten derden dage</b> worden opgewekt.  <b>Lukas 9:22</b></p>	<p>22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised <b>the third day</b>.  <b>Luke 9:22</b></p>
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<p>33 En zij zullen Hem geselen en doden, en <b>ten derden dage</b> zal Hij opstaan. <b>Lukas 18:33</b></p>	<p>33 And they shall scourge [him], and put him to death: and <b>the third day</b> he shall rise again. <b>Luke 18:33</b></p>
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<p>7 Zeggend, dat de Zoon des mensen moest overgeleverd worden in de handen van zondige mensen en gekruisigd worden en <b>ten derden dage</b> opstaan. <b>Lukas 24:7</b></p>	<p>7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and <b>the third day</b> rise again. <b>Luke 24:7</b></p>
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**And below is Luke 24:21.** Two disciples were on their way to the village called Emmaus when Jesus began walking alongside them, but they did not recognize him. They told Jesus everything that had happened, including the events leading up to Jesus' death on Friday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. And yet they clearly state that it was the third day at that moment. *So they said this to a very much alive Jesus, already raised from the dead, who was with them at that moment.*

How, then, could Jesus have risen after three days if, on the third day following his arrest, he was already on his way to Emmaus with two disciples?

<p>21 Wij echter leefden in de hoop, dat Hij het was, die Israel verlossen zou. Maar met dit al is het thans reeds de derde dag, sinds dit geschied is. <b>Lukas 24:21</b></p>	<p>21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is <b>the third day</b> since these things were done. <b>Luke 24:21</b></p>
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<p>46 En Hij zeide tot hen: Aldus staat er geschreven, dat de Christus moest lijden en <b>ten derden dage</b> opstaan uit de doden, <b>Lukas 24:46</b></p>	<p>46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead <b>the third day</b>: <b>Luke 24:46</b></p>
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<p>40 Hem heeft God <b>ten derden dage</b> opgewekt en heeft gegeven, dat Hij verscheen. <b>Handelingen 10:40</b></p>	<p>40 Him God raised up <b>the third day</b>, and shewed him openly; <b>Acts 10:40</b></p>
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<p>4 En Hij is begraven en <b>ten derden dage</b> opgewekt, naar de Schriften, <b>1 Korinthiers 15:4</b></p>	<p>4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again <b>the third day</b> according to the scriptures: <b>1 Corinthians 15:4</b></p>
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Regarding Matthew 12:40. I believe it was about judgment. I find the comparison between Jonah and Jesus' death strange. Jonah wasn't dead inside the fish. Jesus, however, was dead in his tomb. Was Jesus in the heart of the earth during his death? No, he was on earth in a newly hewn tomb in a rock. I don't know what Jesus meant, but it wasn't about his death and resurrection on the third day. There are plenty of **Bible verses about the third day**.

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