

Kingdom

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist. (Mat 16:24 - 17:13)

And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. (Mar 9:1-4)

Present = Introduce; Put a thing into the presence of a person.

"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. (Luk 9:27-31)

I wondered why Matthew and Mark says it was six days and Luke says it was eight days? After thinking about this for a while, I now have a theory which I would like to present to you.

If Matthew, Mark and Luke all said it was six days, then we wouldn't know which day these events occurred on. But I believe the days are significant, and the only way for both statements to be correct; is if Matthew and Mark excluded the Sabbath days, and Luke included the Sabbath days. I believe Jesus said, *"Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."* on a Friday. A full week passes and on the Sunday, the first day of the new week, Jesus takes His three disciples up the mountain to pray.

Mark's days	*		1	2	3	4	5	6		*
Days	Friday	Sabbath	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sabbath	Sunday
Luke's days	*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	*

Jesus was crucified on a Friday and He was resurrected from the dead, on the third day. This was a Sunday, the first day of the new week. This also reminds me of :-

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a woman has conceived, and borne a male child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of her customary impurity she shall be unclean. And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.'" (Lev 12:1-3)

According to the Law the male children were only named, and circumcised on the eighth day.

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 1:31-2:3)

If we take one thousand years as being one day of the creation week then :-

- 0 - 1000y = 1st day of creation - from Adam to Noah.
- 1000 - 2000y = 2nd day of creation - from Noah to Abraham.
- 2000 - 3000y = 3rd day of creation - from Abraham to David.
- 3000 - 4000y = 4th day of creation - from David to Jesus.
- 4000 - 5000y = 5th day of creation.
- 5000 - 6000y = 6th day of creation.
- 6000 - 7000y = 7th day - 1st resurrection and Sabbath day.
- 7000 onwards = 8th day - 2nd resurrection and Judgement Day.

According to Revelation 20:5 there is a period of 1000 years between the first and the second resurrection. Then comes Judgement Day and finally the new creation.

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Rev 21:1-2)

John knew Jesus. He saw the Beginning and the End!

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