

God's Sacred Calendar & God's Holy Days

Part 9



Scriptures

- **Leviticus 23:10-11**

¹⁰"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. ¹¹He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.'

- **1 Corinthians 15:23**

²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,'

- **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.'

- **John 14:21, 23**

²¹He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

²³Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.'

- **Hebrews 13:8**

⁸Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.'

- **John 11:25**

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,'

- **Matthew 8:16-17**

¹⁶When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. ¹⁷*This was* to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases."

- **Isaiah 53:4-5**

⁴Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.'

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Other Scriptures

- Matthew 28:20
- Matthew 9:29
- Philippians 1:21
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Matthew 6:33
- Matthew 5:6

Main Points

- Jesus is our first fruits
 - He arose from the dead on First Fruits!
 - By doing so, and ascending to the Father, we have been made Holy and acceptable to the LORD.
- Jesus is alive; the same yesterday, today and forever!
 - We worship a present and living God
 - He is the same Jesus that we read about in the New Testament
- Jesus bore our sickness as well as our transgression on the cross
 - By His stripes, we are healed.

Discussion Questions

1. How do encounter the living, present Jesus?
2. How does Christ rising from the dead on First Fruits and the words of Isaiah 53:4-5 correlate?
3. Discuss why it is so important to realize that Jesus is the same today as he was yesterday and will be the same forever?
4. Read John 14:21, 23. Apply what Jesus spoke about in these verses to the significance of celebrating the Feast of First Fruits.