

Firstfruits (Yom HaBikkurim)

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On the day after the Sabbath following Passover, Israel presented the first sheaf of barley harvest to the LORD. This offering acknowledged God's provision and consecrated the entire harvest to Him. Christ's resurrection on this very day makes Him the 'firstfruits of them that slept.'

Note: Paul explicitly identifies Christ as 'the firstfruits of them that slept' (1 Corinthians 15:20). As the firstfruits guaranteed the coming harvest, so Christ's resurrection ensures the future resurrection of all believers. The exact timing of Christ's resurrection on Firstfruits demonstrates divine precision in fulfilling the festal calendar.

Key Verses

Leviticus 23:10

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

1 Corinthians 15:20

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

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