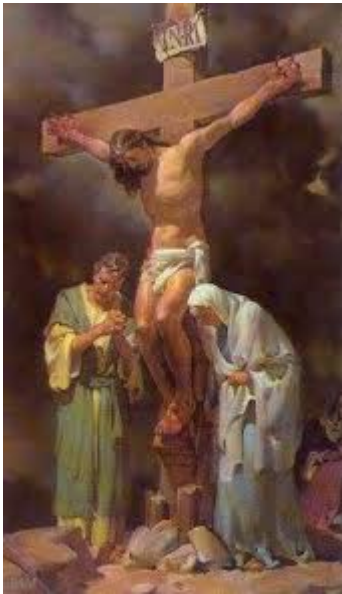# Jesus Died on a Thursday!

According to the Bible, we know that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the first day of the week, a Sunday.

Mark 16:9a ¶Now when Jesus was risen early the **first day of the week**,

We also know that Jesus' body lay in the tomb for three days:
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Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and **after three days** rise again.

And His body lay in the tomb for three nights:

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and **three nights** in the heart of the earth.

Where does this so called "Good Friday" come from? Did Jesus really die on a Friday? If He did, His body would have been in the tomb only *two nights*, Friday night and Saturday night, not three! Church tradition which says us that Jesus was crucified on a Friday must therefore be wrong!

A good external link that proves this point better:

http://www.tedmontgomery.com/bblovrvw/goodthursday/

The inspiration for this Bible class is from the teachings of David Brandt Berg.