

## Re: PASSOVER not understood by Christians

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Thanks for your reply Paul, but...

"Paul J Gans" <[gans@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:gans@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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> prd <[X\\_header@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:X_header@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

>>In sci.archaeology message [xDCuf.2890\\$If.871@trnddc05](mailto:xDCuf.2890$If.871@trnddc05)">news:[xDCuf.2890\\$If.871@trnddc05](mailto:xDCuf.2890$If.871@trnddc05) by

>>"Larry Wilson" <[misha\\_linword@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:misha_linword@xxxxxxxxxxx)> . . . :

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> This is factually incorrect. The new day begins at sundown,  
> not at midnight.

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No. This is an extremely common and consistent belief based upon poor observation. Thus of technical note, the actual "secular day" begins not at sunset but at nightfall. The Jews light a candle to represent the beginning of a new day per their tradition. Check it out. We also understand this because they begin the count of the hours not at sundown, which is the 12th hour but the following hour. Thus the daylight period immediately after sundown is still considered part of that day.

Recall to mind the practice of the Jews to wait for three stars to come out before considering it the "next day" or using a cloth with green and blue to determine the next day when there was not sufficient light to distinguish color. Or they wait until everything turns "silhouette" to know when the next day begins.

Please stop...for a moment and actually think about this. The above practices do not occur at sundown.

The concept of the day beginning at sundown is thus unique to a sabbath day. The sabbath day is thus slightly longer than the regular night-to-night day because it begins at sundown but still ends at night. You can confirm this by simply logging onto a Jewish website that speaks of how the sabbath day is celebrated and when specifically that day ends and they light a candle to officially end the sabbath day. This does not occur at sundown.

Thus the sabbath day begins with a common meal and ends with a common meal and is a day + one meal long. It is counted from sundown-to-nightfall.

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Of course, obviously, if the sabbath day is a little longer, then the day of "preparation" is correspondingly shorter. It is timed from nightfall-to-sunset.

Which means, with all due respect, the very deeply hot-wired idea