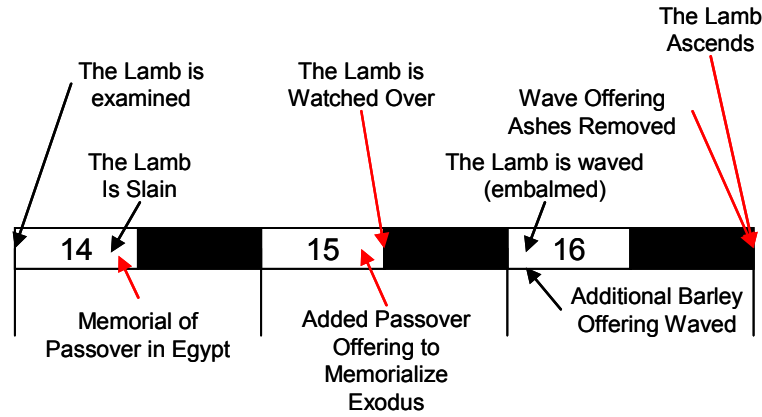


ally: cessation, ceasing) from leaven, and also a ceasing from servile labor. This is the 15th of Nisan. Now in the day after the ceasing (rest, cessation, Sabbath) a sheaf of barley is waved. This is linked to Nisan 16 when Israel first camped after the Exodus and baked their dough into unleavened bread. Let us now see how all this lines up in the year of Yeshua's death and resurrection:

Figure 33: Symbolic Connections with Messiah



The Passover lamb would go through one last check over on Nisan 14 to make sure there were no flaws rendering it unfit for sacrifice. So Yeshua was examined by the High Priest starting at dawn. Also the tamid offering was being examined at this time. Yeshua is slain at the same time as the Passover lambs, about 3 p.m. in the afternoon.

Now something that I did not mention in describing the Exodus is that in the night (following the 15th), Yahweh kept watch over Israel (Exodus 12:42). This is why Israel is to keep watch that night, and return to their tents (to sleep) in the morning (Deut. 16:7). So also the watch was set over Yeshua's grave for that night.

There are then six days of unleavened bread left (Deut. 16:8) at dawn on the 16th of Nisan because one was already used up. Then on Nisan 16 the counting of the seven shavuot (weeks) begins (Deut. 16:9). This is the day of the wave-offering. So also Yeshua is the first-fruits of the resurrection.