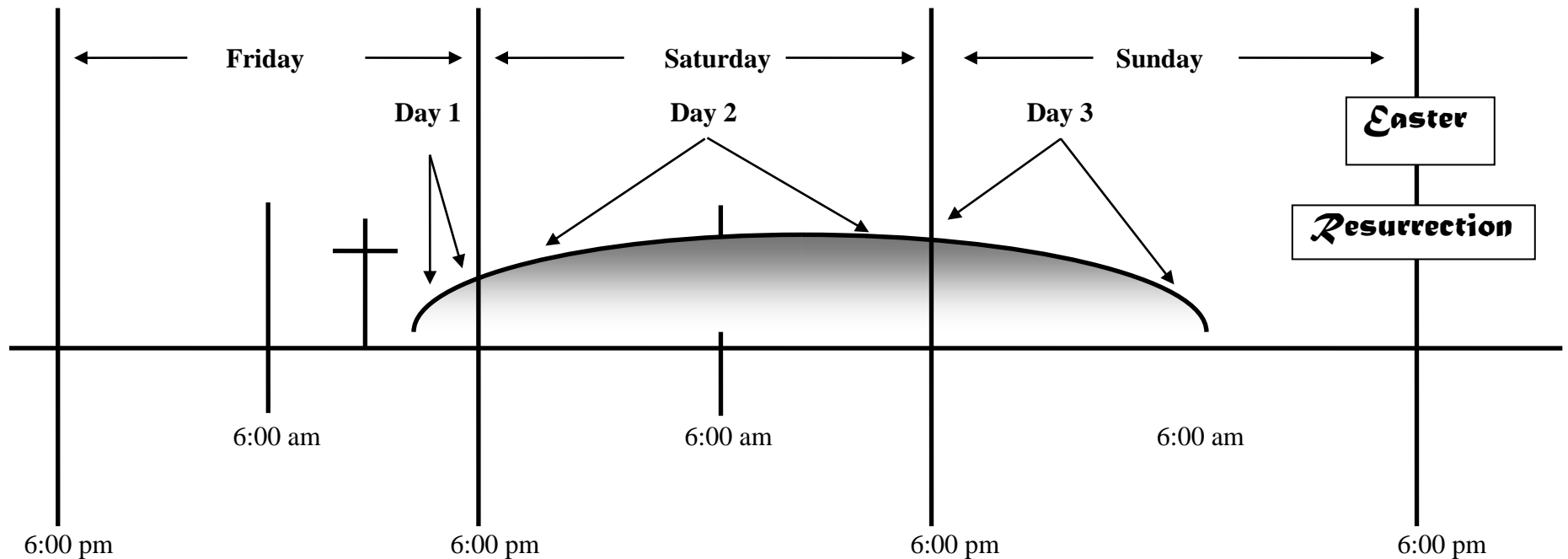


Raised Up On The Third Day

People often wonder how Jesus could be in the tomb for about 38 hours and yet claim to be raised up on the third day. The answer is that Jesus did not say that he would be in the tomb for three days, but that he would be raised up on the third day. Once we understand that the Jews counted any part of a day as a full day, the problem vanishes. As the chart below shows, Jesus spent about 2 hours in the tomb on Friday (1st day), the entire day of Saturday (2nd day), and about 12 hours on Sunday (3rd day). Thus, Christ was raised on the third day just as he predicted.



The Jewish Day began at 6:00 pm and ended at the beginning of a new day.

According to Jewish reckoning, any part of a day is counted as a full day.