72 hours vs 37 hours
Alive vs Dead
Did Jesus fulfill the sign of Jonas ?

| | Ist night | | 2nd night | |
| Friday | Saturday | Sunday |

Jonas was alive for 3 days and 3 nights

Jesus was in the heart of the earth for 37 hours
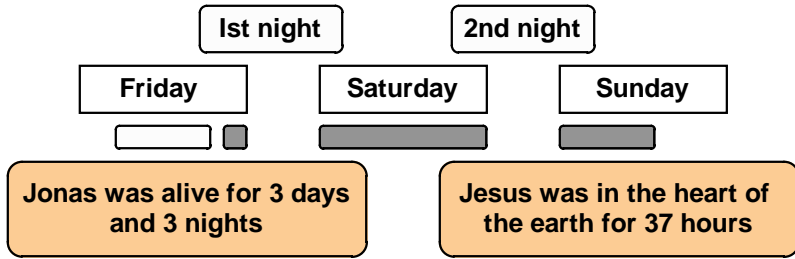
".. **For as Jonas was three days and three night in the whale's belly;**
so shall the Son of man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth"
(Matthew 12:38-40).

Matt 20 -------------------------- Mark 15

v3 3rd hour --------------------- v25 3rd hour
v5 6th hour -------------------- v33 6th hour
v5 9th hour -------------------- v33 9th hour
v6 11th hour --------------------- v42 even (evening) was come

6 hours from the 3rd to 9th hour when Christ gave his soul
8 hours on the cross before lowering Him
1 hour or so for getting Him ready for burial or within 1 hour.
1 whole day (Friday to Saturday: sabbath) = 24 hours
1/2 a day from Saturday night to Sunday morning or sunrise = 12 hours
How long was He buried? 24 + 12 + 1 = 37

After three days I will rise again.
Matthew 27:62-64.

".. He rose again the third day according to the scriptures"
I Corinthians 15:4,

According to the Gospel writers, Jesus died at the ninth hour (3:00 p.m. our time) and was buried about sunset that same day, Luke 23:44, 45, 50-54; Mark 15:33-38, 42-47.

Luke 23:33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him.
44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

The Third Day
Some Scriptures speak of His resurrection
"after three days" (Mark 8:31; 9:31 R. V.; 10:34 R. V.; Matthew 27:63).
Other verses say
"three days" (Matthew 26:60, 61; 27:39, 40; Mark 14:58; 15:29, 30; John 2:19, 20).
Still others speak of
"the third day" (Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 27:64; Luke 9:22; 18;33; 24:6, 7, 21, 46; Acts 10:40; I Corinthians 16:4).

The Meaning of Day in the Bible
The word "day" in the Bible in its primary sense means the interval between dawn and darkness.
"And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night . . . " Genesis 1:5.
(Compare Genesis 1:14-18; 8:22.) This is the first occurrence of the word "day" in the Bible,
and the Lord God himself gives its meaning. Jesus believed there were 12 hours in a day.
He asked in John 11:9: " . . . Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day,
he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world."