

The Sabbath and The Lord's Day

Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-3:5

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For centuries men have divided time into periods of _____ days. The Egyptians, Chaldeans, Greeks, and Romans all did it. Yet there is no evidence that men kept one day as the Sabbath until _____ the exodus from Egypt by the nation Israel. In view of God's position as Creator, it is not unusual for Him to _____ some things. He consecrated men, _____, and space; but in the Sabbath, He consecrated _____. The Sabbath was originally set apart as a day of rest, _____ worship. It was not until after the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity that _____ worship on the Sabbath was established. It was specifically a _____ institution.

A. The Jewish Sabbath

1. It was based upon a _____ command from God.
2. The particular day was determined by _____.
 - a. It was not up to the Israelites to _____ the day.
 - b. The Sabbath is the _____ day of the week (Saturday).
3. The _____ of the day was expressly stated.
 - a. Memorialize _____ (Exodus 20:11)
 - b. Memorialize _____ from Egypt. (Deut. 5:14-15)
 - c. As a special _____ to Israel (Exodus 31:12-17)
4. The command was _____ to be followed.
 - a. It was to be a day of _____ for man, animals, and strangers.
 - b. Punishment for breaking the Sabbath was _____. (Exodus 31:14)
 - c. There was no command for _____ worship.

B. Keeping the Sabbath in the New Testament

1. There is no command in the New Testament to keep the Sabbath.
2. Jesus did not rigidly _____ the Sabbath according to Jewish tradition. (Matthew 12:1-8; John 5:18)
3. The _____ did not teach to keep the Sabbath.

4. Christians are _____ about keeping the Sabbath. (Galatians 4:8-11; Colossians 2:14-17)

5. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and had the _____ to make the change. (Mark 2:27-28)

C. The Regular _____ of the Early Church was to observe the Lord's Day (the _____ Day of the Week).

1. Jesus _____ from the dead and appeared to His disciples on this day. (Luke 24:1-6)
2. The Holy Spirit came on the Lord's _____. (Acts 2)
3. Christians gathered for _____ and worship on this day. (John 20:26; Acts 20:7)
4. It was the _____ time to take the Lord's Supper. (Acts 20:7)
5. _____ and offerings were collected on this day. (1 Cor. 16:2)

D. The Spiritual Meaning of the Lord's Day

1. It is the memorial day of _____ while the Sabbath is the memorial to _____. (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)
2. It _____ more to redeem us than to create us.
 - a. God _____ and created. (Psalm 148:5)
 - b. God _____ His blood to redeem. (1 Peter 1:9)
3. Creation was the work of God's _____ (Psalm 8:3), but redemption was the work of His _____ (Psalm 77:15).
4. Creation gave us _____; in redemption, God gave us _____.
5. Creation gave life in _____; redemption gives life in _____.
6. Creation gave life in an earthly _____; redemption gives a title to a heavenly _____.