

Teachings of Jesus - # 11 The Sabbath

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Memory Verse

Mark 2:27-28 (NKJV) *And He said to them, **The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.***

The Gospel disputes dealt only with how the Sabbath was to be kept, never with when it was to be kept.

Christ, the Creator of the Sabbath

John 1:1-3 (NKJV) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

***Colossians 1:16** (NKJV) *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV) *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*

Isaiah 45:12 (NKJV) *I have made the earth, And created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded.*

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Leviticus 23:22 (NKJV) *‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleanings from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God.’ ”*

Matthew 12:1-2 (NKJV) *At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ² And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”*

***Deuteronomy 23:25** (NKJV) *When you come into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor’s standing grain.*

The Sabbath is not a day for fasting or starving.

With the first example (*1 Sam. 21:1-6*), Christ argued that, although in normal circumstances David and his men should not have eaten the bread meant for the priests (*Lev. 24:9*), yet because their lives were in danger their actions should be considered a permissible violation of a ceremonial rule. The second example Jesus mentioned (*Matt. 12:5*) has to do with the sacrifices and offerings ordained for the Sabbath day in the temple service, which were twice as many as those offered on any other day (*Num. 28:9-10*). The Jews themselves recognized that the temple service had priority over the Sabbath.

The Example of Jesus

Luke 4:16 (NKJV) *So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.*

***Luke 6:6** (NKJV) *Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.*

Luke 13:10 (NKJV) *Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.*

Luke 23:56-24:1 (NKJV) *Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.*

Miracles on the Sabbath

Matthew 9:35 *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

Luke 4:40 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ *When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.*

Mark 1:32-34 (NKJV) *At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.*

John 5:16-17 (NKJV) *For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, **“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”***

Luke 13:15-16 (NKJV) *The Lord then answered him and said, **“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ So ought not this***

woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

The Sabbath After The Resurrection

Matthew 24:20 (NKJV) *And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.*

Acts 13:14 (NKJV) *But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.*

***Acts 13:42** (NKJV) *So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.*

Acts 16:13 (KJV) *And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.*

Isaiah 66:23 (NKJV) *And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.*

What is The Lord’s Day?

Revelation 1:10 (NKJV) *I was in the Spirit on **the Lord’s Day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,*

Isaiah 58:13–14 (NKJV) *“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on **My holy day**, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

***Exodus 20:10** (NKJV) *but the seventh day is the **Sabbath of the Lord** your God.*

The law respecting the Sabbath was incorporated with the ten commandments as of moral and perpetual obligation; and it will be literally true that all the race shall yet be brought to worship God on the return of that holy day. It was instituted in paradise;

and as one design of the plan of redemption is to bring man back to the state in which he was in paradise, so one effect of the true religion everywhere will be, and is, to make people reverence the Sabbath of the Lord. No man becomes truly pious who does not love the holy Sabbath. No nation ever has been, or ever can be converted which will not, and which does not, love and observe that day. Every successful effort to propagate the true religion is a successful effort to extend the practice of observing it; and just as certain as it is that Christianity will be spread around the world, so certain will it be that the Sabbath will be observed in all lands. The period is, therefore, yet to arrive when the delightful spectacle will be presented of all the nations of the earth bowing on the return of that day before the living God. The plans of this life will be suspended; toil and care will be laid aside; and the sun, as he rolls around the world, will rouse nation after nation to the worship of the true God; - Adam Clark

The Sabbath, pp. 281-289, in *The Desire of Ages*.

Wherefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath. These words are full of instruction and comfort. . . . It [the Sabbath] points to Him as both the Creator and the Sanctifier. It declares that He who created all things in heaven and in earth, and by whom all things hold together, is the head of the church, and that by His power we are reconciled to God. For, speaking of Israel, He said, I gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them, -make them holy Ezek. 20:12. Then the Sabbath is a sign of Christ’s power to make us holy. And it is given to all whom Christ makes holy. As a sign of His sanctifying power, the Sabbath is given to all who through Christ become a part of the Israel of God. — Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, pp. 288, 289.