

But What About the Apostles?

Not surprisingly, the apostles also all kept the _____. See for example: Acts 17:1, 2; 18:4; 13:13-15, 32-44; Luke 23:56; Matthew 24:20.

Of course they kept the _____; why wouldn't they, after all, every single true follower of God from Adam to Abraham, and from Abraham to Moses and from Moses to Jesus and from Jesus to the Apostles kept that special day as a memorial of both _____ and _____.

Wow! I didn't Know That!

The _____ is all about _____ and our _____ with Him! Yet, despite the overwhelming evidence, many Christians still believe that the Bible teaches _____ observance. They base this belief on 3 main texts:

- John 20:19; Acts 20:6-11; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3

Yet these texts, when read in _____, suggest no such thing. Not at all.

So Then Who Did It?

The answer as we saw at the beginning is: The Roman-Church State did it! That has been their historical claim, and we have found it to be true. In fact, as we have already seen, this change was foretold in Bible Prophecy! See Daniel 7:25. According to the book of Revelation, there will be _____ calls to worship and _____ claims on authority!

It's All About Jesus!

The _____ and its observance is really all about a surrendered relationship of love to Jesus Christ as both Creator and Redeemer.

1. Jesus in the beginning _____ it.
2. Jesus at Mt. Sinai _____ it.
3. Jesus in His life, _____ on it.
4. Jesus in His death _____ it.
5. Jesus in His church _____ it.
6. Jesus in Revelation says His last-day people _____ it.

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The Mark of the Beast *part I*

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, and it must be the foundation of our teachings and beliefs as Christians. We have emphasized the importance of knowing the truth. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the truth (Jn. 14:6), His Word is the truth (Jn. 17:17), and God's law is the truth (Ps. 119:142). We have learned that the dividing issue at the end of time will be the issue of *worship*. Additionally, we have seen that the antichrist will be a *subtle religious imposter*, more than a *violent political opposer*. Now, we are poised to grasp one of the issues in its larger significance. What issue strikes at the heart of worship, Biblical fidelity, and the subtle religious sophistries of Satan? We will answer that important question in this lesson.

The Whole World?

According to the book of Revelation, the antichrist will lead the entire world to believe his deceptions. Note, for example, the following verses:

- Revelation 12:9; 13:3, 8

What do these verses have in common? The universality of _____. In this lesson we will learn that many, unknowingly, are living under one of the most subtle deceptions of the antichrist. We should not be _____ if we discover that much of the world has unwittingly bought into one of the deceptions of the last days. In fact, according to Revelation, we should expect it! Remember, we do not arrive at truth by majority vote, but by the Bible.

An Incredible Claim! Is it True?

The Roman Church-State has historically made one of the most remarkable and disturbing claims known to man. Namely, they claim that they actually changed the day of worship from _____ to _____.

Consider, as an instance of this claim, the following quotation from the *Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume 4, page 153*: "The church, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath of the seventh day of the week to the first made the Third Commandment refer to Sunday as the day to be kept holy as the Lord's Day." Literally dozens more statements like this one could be cited. This is the historical, traditional position of the Roman church. Our question is this: Is this remarkable claim true, or can the change from _____ to _____ be supported from the Bible?

In the Beginning

In order to address this claim, we turn to the book of beginnings, Genesis. In Genesis chapters 1 and 2 we discover that God did set a _____ aside as special. This day was the _____ day of the week. God did three very special things on this day, list them below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Clearly, God wanted this day, the _____, to be set apart as special. In fact the word _____ means to set apart for a holy, special purpose.

Remember Me...

In Exodus 20, the chapter containing the _____, God reminds His people about the importance of the _____. We can be sure that God was reminding them about the day because he begins this command with the word: _____. Don't forget, who wrote this law? _____. With His what? _____. On tables of _____ and it was placed _____ the ark.

God wrote this law on stone to show that it _____ change. God made this day holy in Genesis, and here in Exodus reminds the people about it. It is worth noting that only _____ can make anything holy.

What Does It Mean?

Consider the following texts: Ezekiel 20:12, 20. According to these verses the Sabbath is a sign that it is _____ who can make us _____. Isn't that true! Of what two things is the Sabbath a sign and symbol?

- 1.
- 2.

Just as Adam and Eve were called to _____ in and _____ God's work of Creation, so too we are called to _____ in and _____ God's work of Salvation. We cannot earn salvation, we must _____ in the salvation that has already been won for us by Jesus Christ. Amen. What a powerful symbol! God is both _____ and _____, and the _____ is a powerful sign and symbol of that fact!

Who Was the Creator?

According to the teaching of the NT, _____ was the One through which _____ created the world and the universe! Note especially John 1:1-3, 10; Hebrews 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-17. If Jesus created the air, water, grass, birds, lions, whales etc. then what did he also create? _____ Note: Not only was Jesus the creator in Eden He was the _____ on Mt. Sinai! This is the clear teaching of the NT! See, for example, John 8:58.

This is why Jesus Christ repeatedly affirmed that He was _____ of the _____. After all, He had *invented* it, *created* it and *commanded* it. See Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, Luke 6:5.

But how did Jesus relate to the _____ when he walked as a _____ on this planet? See Luke 4:16. Note that Jesus performed many of His most powerful miracles on the _____! This was to show that the _____ is for the benefit of man. He removed it from all of the traditions and rules that the religious leaders, the Scribes and Pharisees, had _____ it with!

In fact, even in death Jesus kept the Sabbath. See Luke 23:53 to 24:1. Just as He rested on that day in _____, so He did the same in _____!