

The Sabbath in New Testament

Matthew 5:17-19

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 <small>New Year's Day Año Nuevo (Mexico)</small>	2	3	4	
6 <small>Día de los Santos Reyes (Mexico)</small>	7	8 <small>New Moon ●</small>	9	10	11	
13	14	15 <small>First Quarter ◐</small>	16	17 <small>Midwinter - New Year (Spain)</small>	18	
20	21	22 <small>Full Moon ○</small>	23	24	25	
27 <small>Reformation Day</small>	28 <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</small>	29 <small>To Sabbath - (Jewish) Backstage New Year</small>	30 <small>Third Quarter ◑</small>	31	1	



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On September 9th, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI declared

- “Without Sunday [worship] we cannot live.”
- “Give the soul to Sunday, give Sunday it’s soul.”
- “Warning against the evils of allowing Sunday to become just a part of the weekend, the pope said people need to have a spiritual focus during the first day of the week, or else leisure time will just become wasted time.”

“Sunday worship, he warned, was not just a ‘precept’ to be casually adhered to, but a ‘necessity’ for all people.” (Trumpet.com)

“The pope has been very vocal about Europe’s Christian-or-Catholic roots and is pushing to have them included in the European Constitution.” (Ibid.)

On November 14, 15 there was a special meeting held at the Pope John Paul Cultural Center. The meeting was given and paid for by the Vatican. There were two speakers; one is a cardinal, and the agenda of that meeting was to point out the state that our world is in, and to bring back Israel to obedience, and to push an amendment to our Constitution for a national day of rest. One of the groups that was invited to this meeting is an organization called SOS (an acronym for “Save our Sundays”.)

Question: Have you any other way of proving that the [Catholic] church has power to institute festivals of precept?

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her;-she could not have substituted the observance of the Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, *a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.*”

“The Seventh day of the week has been deposed from its title to obligatory religious observance, and its prerogative has been carried over to the first [day] under no direct precept of Scripture.”

(William E. Gladstone, Prime minister of England, 1898)

“It is certain that our Lord when on earth did observe Saturday, and did not observe Sunday. If they are consistent, as I have said, they must keep Saturday, not Sunday as the day of rest.”

(Canon Knox Little, 1894, Church of England)

“The Christian Sabbath [Sunday] is not in the Scripture, and was not by the primitive church called the Sabbath”

(Timothy Dwight, 1818, Congregationalist)

“It is quite clear that, however rigidly or devotedly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath... The Sabbath was founded on a specific, Divine command. We can plead no such command for the obligation to observe Sunday.”

(The Ten Commandments, pp 127-129, Dr. R. Dale, British Congregationalist)

**“You may read the Bible from
Genesis to Revelation, and you will
find not a single line authorizing the
sanctification of Sunday.”**

(Faith of our Fathers, pp.72,73, 1917 ed.)

“There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will, however, be readily said, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the Seventh to the First day of the week... Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament, absolutely not.”

(August 20, 1893, at a Baptist's minister's conference in Saratoga New York)

“Up to the time of Christ’s death, no change had been made in the day...So far as the record shows, they [the Apostles] did not give any explicit command enjoining the abandonment of the seventh-day Sabbath, and its observance on the first day of the week.”

(A. E. Waffle, *the Lord’s Day*, pp. 186-188)

Jesus Obeyed the Old Testament precepts including those concerning the Sabbath.

Luke 24:27

Matthew 5:17-19

John 1:1-3

Mark 16:1,9

Luke 24:44-46

Luke 4:16

Matthew 28:1

Luke 23:50-56

“This was done late on Friday afternoon the day of the preparation for the Sabbath.

As the body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where they placed his body. Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to embalm him. But by the time they were finished it was the Sabbath, so they rested all that day as required by law.”

Luke 23:54-56 (NLT)

**“But very early on *Sunday* morning
the women came to the tomb...”**

Luke 24:1 (NLT)

The Apostles consistently observed the Seventh-day Sabbath

Acts 13:14

Acts 13:44

Acts:17:2

Acts 13:42

Acts 16:13

Acts 18:1,2,4

**“But pray ye that your flight be not
in the winter; neither on the
Sabbath day”.**

Matthew 24:20

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 66:22,23