

"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

Some Things You Should Know



You should know that the faithful church will:

- ✓ Worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).
- ✓ Meet on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; Hebrews 10:25).
- ✓ Pray (James 5:16; Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- ✓ Saying, making melody with the heart (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).
- ✓ Eat the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (Acts 2:42; 20:7; Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:20-32).
- ✓ Give, liberally and cheerfully (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-8).

Christians Make Godly Choices

We make hundreds of choices every day. To "choose" is to select freely after considering one's options. And "making a choice" is the act of choosing.

We Must Be Like Jesus

God has given us a free will to choose between good and evil. Isaiah, prophesying concerning the coming of Jesus, said, "Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good" ([Is. 7:15](#)).

Jesus chose good over evil. And as His disciples, we must choose good over evil.

We Must Choose To Obey and Worship God

The most important thing that we choose is whether to obey God.

God said, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are you and eight r ways My ways" ([Is. 55:8](#)). We must choose between the sinful ways of the world and the righteous ways of God.

And Isaiah said of people who chose improper worship of the Lord, "Just as they have chosen their own ways" ([Is. 66:3](#)). We choose whether to obey or disobey the Lord; thus, we choose whether to worship as He commands.

To Obey God, We Must Choose to Fear Him

We must choose to fear God, hence to respect and reverence Him. If we choose to reverence God, we will obey Him. If we choose not to reverence God, we will not obey Him.

David said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" ([Ps. 111:10](#)). And Solomon said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" ([Pr. 1:7](#)). Unless we choose to fear God, we will never attain to true knowledge and wisdom.

Everyone chooses to either respect or disrespect God. Have you chosen to fear God and obey Him? To Obey God, We Must Choose to be Humble People who fear God, humble themselves and submit to His will ([1 Pet. 5:5-6](#)).

God alone is wise ([Rom. 16:27](#)); hence, a person desiring to become wise must submit to God and acknowledge Him in all their ways. We can't lean on our own understanding -- we must lean upon God ([Pr. 3:5-8](#)).

No man will obey God, if he is not humble. Have you chosen to be humble?

To Obey God, We Must Choose to Love Him

When Jesus was asked, which is the great commandment of the law, he said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and

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great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" ([Matt. 22:37-39](#)).

Paul tells us, "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law" ([Rom. 13:8](#)). "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" ([1 Cor. 13:4-8](#)).

In other words, we'll make godly choices if we love God and love our neighbor.

Who.
Who makes godly choices? People who love God.

Who loves God? People who reverence and obey God.

Who makes godly choices? Christians, just as Jesus chose good over evil when He walked upon the earth
- Allan McNabb

Was Christ Raised from the Dead on Sunday?

By Wayne Jackson



"Would you explain Matthew 28:1, 'In the end of the Sabbath' (KJV), or 'Late on the Sabbath' (ASV)? This seems to say that the women came to the tomb and found it empty on the evening of the Sabbath, which would indicate that Jesus was raised on Saturday, not Sunday."

No, this does not mean that Jesus was raised from the grave on Saturday. The problem is one of translation from the original Greek language into English.

First, the other Gospel accounts clearly show that this visit occurred upon the first day of the week (Mark 16:1-2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1).

Second, the rendition of Matthew 28:1 should be as follows: "After the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week . . ." The Sabbath ended at 6:00 the previous evening, and the dawn of Sunday morning was approaching. The Greek of the passage is *opse sabbaton*, meaning "after the Sabbath" (Arndt and Gingrich 1967, 606). The Revised Standard Version thus correctly translates, "Now **after** the sabbath . . ." The New American Standard Bible renders the verse in the same way.

Third, it is the universal testimony of both Scripture and church history that the early Christians regarded Sunday as Christ's resurrection day. The disciples met together on resurrection Sunday (John 20:19), then on Sunday a week later (20:26). The church was established on Pentecost, which always came on Sunday (Leviticus 23:15-16; Acts 2:1). The early Christians, under the leadership of **inspired men**, worshipped on Sunday (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). That day was later designated as "the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10). To all of this evidence agree the testimonies of the writers in the post-apostolic age, i.e., from A.D. 100 to A.D. 325. Sunday was the resurrection day.

The Lord came forth from the dead not on Saturday, but on Sunday morning.

³⁰ "I have chosen the way of truth;
Your judgments I have laid before me.

³¹ I cling to Your testimonies;

O LORD, do not put me to shame!

³² I will run the course of Your commandments,
For You shall enlarge my heart" (Psalm

119:30).

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