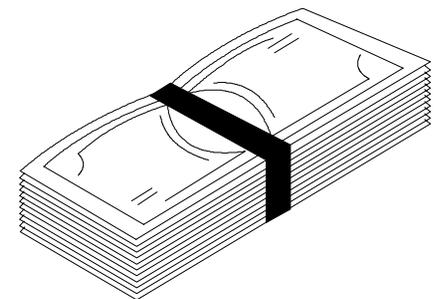


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Dear Friend of the Bible: Did you know that we will give \$1,000 to anyone that produces a text of scripture saying that the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, is The Sabbath, The Lord's Day, or even a Holy Day. Many people believe it is in the New Testament. Suppose we read all of the eight texts in the New Testament that mention the First Day of the week and see if any of them ever call the first day of the week, The Sabbath, The Lord's Day or even a Holy Day.

Our first text is Matt. 28:1; "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." Well, it isn't there.

Our second text, is Mark 16:2; "And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." And it isn't there.

Our third text, Mark 16:9; "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils." Again, it isn't there.

Our fourth text, Luke 24:1; "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them." We see it isn't there.

Our fifth text, John 20:1; "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone

taken away from the sepulchre." So, it isn't there.

Our sixth text, John 20:19; "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." And it isn't there. The disciples were not even holding a meeting here. They were only in this place hiding from the Jews. They were afraid the Jews would imprison them on the charge of taking away the body of the Lord.

We have two more places in the New Testament to search. If we can't find it there, then we must conclude that the first day of the week is not to be kept by Christians as the Sabbath, the Lord's Day or even a Holy Day.

Our seventh text, Acts 20:7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Here is a farewell supper given Paul at Troas on what we would call today Saturday night. He preached until midnight. If we read further we would find he continued his speech until break of day. Paul, on Sunday morning, then walked 17 miles from Troas to Assos. So this text does not help us to get the thousand dollars, as this was a night meeting, and had nothing to do with keeping the first day of the week as the Lord's Day. (Day in the

Bible begins in the evening)

Our eighth and last text, I Cor. 16:1,2: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Here we have Paul's instruction for the people to gather from their fields things for the poor saints at Jerusalem on the first day of the week, and to lay it by him, or her, in store. He did not tell them to take it to the church on the first day of the week. So we see that this text doesn't help us. In Rev. 1:10, we read about John: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice as a trumpet." Nowhere in all the Bible is there a single hint that the Sabbath, has ever been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week or that the Lord's day is the first day of the week. It would behoove every Christian to check up on this vital important subject. By breaking a commandment of God, we will miss the kingdom of God. We must keep the fourth commandment as well as the other nine.

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