

SABBATH EXCUSES EXAMINED AND ANSWERED – PART 9

Since the disciples met together on the day of our Lord's resurrection (see John 20:19), then people believe that they were meeting together to commemorate their Lord's resurrection. People then claim that this proves that Sunday had already become the new Sabbath of the New Covenant.

But the very Scriptures dealing with the disciples meeting together on the day of their Lord's resurrection show that this particular belief cannot be true.

“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. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.” Mark 16:9-14.

This shows us that the disciples were not meeting together to celebrate their Lord's resurrection, because most of them did not yet believe that Jesus had indeed been raised from the dead.

“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 when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.” John 20:19-20.

This shows us that the disciples were not meeting together in order to celebrate their Lord's resurrection, but assembled together in order to eat a common meal, and since they were afraid of the Jews they closed and locked doors behind them.

So you can plainly see that these Scriptures show us that the disciples were not meeting together to celebrate their Lord's resurrection, because most of them did not yet believe that Jesus had indeed been raised from the dead, but were assembled together in order to eat a common meal, and since they were afraid of the Jews they closed and locked doors behind them. And the fact that Christ visited them during their secret meeting was not to sanction Sunday as being the new Sabbath, but was simply to encourage their weak faith in Him as being the real Messiah and true Son of God.

But where did support for this teaching and belief come from that the disciples met together on the day of our Lord's resurrection showing that Sunday instead of Saturday was the day to worship God in this New Covenant?

Catholic Church Today

“By a tradition handed down from the apostles which took its origin from the very day of Christ's Resurrection, the Church celebrates the Paschal mystery every seventh day, which day is appropriately called the Lord's Day or Sunday.” Universal Catholic Catechism: Part Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery, Chapter III - When Is The Liturgy Celebrated?, Section titled The Lord's Day, #1166, at <http://www.christusrex.org/www1/CDHN/paschal3.html>, accessed 3-19-13.

So you can see, that the teaching and belief that because the disciples met together on the day of our Lord's resurrection shows that Sunday instead of Saturday was the day to worship God in this New Covenant, is not supported by the Bible of truth at all. Thus this belief is not a doctrine of God taught in the Scriptures, but is instead found to be a teaching and doctrine taught in the Roman Catholic Church.

This then means that when any Protestant or non-Catholic believer uses the argument that because the disciples met together on the day of our Lord's resurrection proves that Sunday instead of Saturday was the day to worship God in this New Covenant, in their efforts to try and prove that Sunday is God's Sabbath day today, will find themselves in agreement with the teachings of Catholicism, but not in agreement with the truth of God's holy Scriptures!

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