

From Matthew 9: ²⁷When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” ²⁸And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See *that* no one knows *it*.” ³¹But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

Sunday: **What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of David?** **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC that Pastor Nathan Eshelman will continue to be strengthened in his personal walk with the Lord and guided daily by His Holy Spirit. **Pray** for the new believers at North Edinburgh (Scotland) RPC and **give thanks** for the recent Christian who has expressed interest in joining the congregation.

Monday: **Why did these two blind men call to Him as the Son of David?** **Pray** for Russell, Ont., RPC’s monthly men’s breakfast; **pray** for good friendships and discipleship among the men of their congregation; **pray** also that many outsiders who wouldn’t ordinarily enter a church building would come, hear the gospel, and believe. **Pray** that the unbelievers who recently attended a ministry of Airdrie (Scotland) RPC would be converted to Christ. **Pray** for elders for the Frankston (Australia) RPC.

Tuesday: **What other information do we glean from the account of this story in Mark 10:46-52?** **Pray** with Christ (Rome, N.Y.) RPC for the widows in our congregations, that they would be well provided for, would have strength and patience and discernment, and would avoid temptations. **Pray** for Selma, Ala., RPC as it proceeds with plans to rebuild its church and the manse. **Give thanks** for the young man who was received as a member of Glasgow (Scotland) RPC, and **pray** for him.

Wednesday: **If you have faith in Jesus, will He always heal you physically?** **Pray** for Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC’s covenant youth, as one third of their congregation is high school age or younger; **pray** they would not only know about God but that they would love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. **Give thanks** that Trinity McConnell (Loughbrickland [Northern Ireland] RPC) was approved to do Short Term Service in Stranraer (Scotland) RPC; **pray** for blessing upon her and her ministry. **Pray** for the Men’s Book Club at Geelong (Australia) RPC.

Thursday: **Physical blindness is a picture of spiritual blindness. What does it mean to be spiritually blind?** **Give thanks to God** for White Lake, N.Y., RPC’s recent visitors and that these visitors are getting established as part of their church family. **Pray** for a suitable new meeting place for Stornoway (Scotland) RPC.

Friday: **Have you called upon the Son of David for His mercy?** **Pray** for the members and friends of Orlando, Fla., RPC that they would seek always to please the Lord in all they do and say. **Give thanks** for the several visitors who have expressed interest in joining the RP congregation in Brikama, The Gambia. **Pray** for Rev. Ed Blackwood, new pastor of Springs Reformed (Colorado Springs, Colo.) RPC.

Saturday: **Why did Jesus tell these two men not to tell anyone? Why did they disobey Him?** **Ask the Lord** to bless the weekly Kidzone ministry at Covenant Fellowship (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC as they reach out to children and youth in the neighborhood. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day
October 15, 2023*

Meeting every week at
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(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalms 84:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 95A

“O Come and to Jehovah Sing”

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-3; John 20:19-26; Acts 20:7

*Psalm 95B

“O Come and Let Us Worship Him”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 26A “Judge Me, O Lord, For I Have Walked in My Integrity”

Scripture Text

Revelation 1:10-16; Hebrews 4

The Sermon

“When is the Sabbath?”

*Prayer

*Psalm 92C

“It’s Good to Thank the Lord!”

*Benediction

*Psalm 103D “In the Heavens Has Jehovah Founded His Eternal Throne”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.”—I Corinthians 5:20-21. “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”—Revelation 1:8.

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment? A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant,

nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

Theme: The fourth commandment, being fulfilled by Christ, requires Sabbath observance on the first day of the week.

Introduction: Which day of the week is the Sabbath?

1. From the beginning of creation, it was the seventh day
2. From Christ’s resurrection to end of the world, it’s first day

I. Christ Commanded the Change in Day

A. Jesus told us that He is the Lord of the Sabbath

B. Hebrews 4 proves that the Sabbath centers on Him

1. There remains a rest for the people of God
2. Jesus’ work now sets the pattern for Sabbath observance
3. His resurrection inaugurates the 8th day!

C. Jesus demonstrated the change in day by His actions

1. He rose from the dead on the first day of the week
2. He met two Lord’s Days in a row with His disciples
3. He poured out His Spirit on the Lord’s Day

II. The Holy Spirit Sealed the Change in Day

A. The Spirit worked on the Day of Pentecost

B. He worked in the heart of St. John on the Lord’s Day

III. The Apostles Confirmed the Change in Day

A. Troas—Acts 20:7

B. Corinthians—I Corinthians 16:1-2

IV. Church History Testifies of the Change in Day

A. *The Didache* [c. AD 90]

B. Early Church Fathers: Ignatius; Barnabas; Justin Martyr; Tertullian; Origen; Cyprian; Eusebius of Caesarea

C. Council of Laodicea [AD 360]

Application

- A. Beware attempts to destroy a Christian view of time
- B. Were you looking forward to today with anticipation?
- C. The Sabbath can be enjoyed only by those who know Jesus