

“The First of the Sabbaths”

How the ‘Lord of the Sabbath’ Establishes the Christian Sabbath

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Jesus Christ rose from the dead in space and time, demonstrating his absolute, once-for-all victory over death (perhaps on April 5, A.D. 33). Today we see why the “*Christian Sabbath*” principle is so very important as our response to God’s sovereignty is clarified in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We will also see a fascinating Greek construction used multiple times in Scripture that likely confirms the Christian Sabbath principle. Celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on the *first day* of the week!

I. Jesus arose of the _____ of the week. (v 1, 19)

II. Jesus arose on “the _____ of the _____.” (v 1, 19)
(Mt. 28:1; Mk. 16:2,9; Lk. 24:1; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2)

III. Jesus establishes the “_____” principle.

“The present impoverishment of the church and our national direction owes much to the neglect of God’s provision of the Lord’s Day. We are great on physical muscle-building and find great amounts of time and money for it. But what about our spiritual muscles? Consider the human restlessness characteristic of our time because God’s rest is ignored. How important it is to raise our eyes heavenward! (Westminster Confession of Faith: A Study Guide, 197).