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**"SUNDAY: WHAT'S SO SPECIAL?"**

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**MATTHEW 28: 1-10**

**CORE QUESTION:** Is there a reason the Church gathers on Sunday rather than Saturday? Is Sunday worship for the Church arbitrary or biblical? Does the day really matter?

**FYI:** In choosing a Bible you want what's termed word-for-word formal equivalency. This means you are reading what the author intended, what the Holy Spirit inspired, not reading something that is some contemporary committee's spin on what they think readers would want to read. \*There are four Bible translations that fit this:

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| 1. The King James | 3. New American Standard        |
| 2. New King James | 4. The English Standard Version |

\*The Bible translations you don't want to base your theology on are called dynamic equivalencies, meaning they may or may not be what the author initially intended. There are five that are in this group:

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| 1. The Message            | 4. New International Version |
| 2. Living Bible           | 5. Good News for Modern Man  |
| 3. New Living Translation |                              |

**TRUTH:** We turn to the Word of God to find all the things we need to know.

**I. THE PATTERN OF SUNDAY WORSHIP WORLDWIDE**

**INSIGHT:** The reason we're always here on Sunday isn't by accident, rather it's a worldwide pattern.

**QUESTION:** Why is it that with all the groups who have never met, they all worship Christ on the same day of the week, above all other times?

**II. THE SUBTLE CHANGE OF REGARD TOWARD SUNDAY**

**INSIGHT:** This wind of change has had a profound effect because of a lack of the knowledge of the Word in American churches.

**INSIGHT:** The new normal in America among professing Christians is that worship doesn't matter as to the day of the week; Saturday or Sunday will work just as well.

### III. THE BIG DEAL ABOUT SUNDAY

#### 1. The passing importance of the Sabbath (Colossians 2:16)

**INSIGHT:** By Mosaic Law, God blessed and rested from creation on the seventh day of the week and commanded it be a day weekly to worship God as Creator.

**INSIGHT:** Each Saturday is a good time in our prayers and conversation to remember and praise God as the Creator.

**INSIGHT:** The new covenant defines God not as Creator, but as Savior.

#### 2. The shifting focus on Sunday by Christ's choice

- Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:10

**INSIGHT:** Once Christ rose on Sunday, the first day of the week would never be just another day of the week (Matthew 28:7).

- John 20:1-10; John 20:11-18
- Luke 24:13; Luke 24:25
- Luke 24:33; Luke 24:36
- John 20:24; John 20:26

**INSIGHT/FYI:** Pentecost and the birth of the Church happened on Sunday, 50 days after Sabbath.

**INVITATION TRUTH:** God the Father set apart the Sabbath from the other days of the week, that men might remember their Creator, but the Lord Jesus blessed Sunday as His day, that men might remember their Redeemer.

**TAKE HOME:** We, the family of worshippers on The Hill resolve that as for us and our house, we will follow Hebrews 10:25, to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, especially on the Lord's Day but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see THE DAY...THE DAY OF THE LORD, THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, approaching.