

## *40 Bible Facts Concerning the First Day of the Week*

1. The very first thing recorded in the Bible, is work done on Sunday, the first day of the week. (Genesis 1:1-5) This was done by the Creator Himself.
2. God commanded men to work upon the first day of the week (Exodus 20:8-11). Is it wrong to obey God?
3. None of the patriarchs ever kept it holy.
4. None of the holy prophets every kept it holy.
5. By the express command of God, His holy people used the first day of the week as a common working day for 4,000 years, at least.
6. God Himself calls it a “working” day. (Ezekiel 46:1)
7. God did not rest on it.
8. God never blessed it.
9. Christ did not rest upon it.
10. Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), and worked at His trade until He was thirty years old. He kept the Sabbath and worked six days in the week, as all admit. Hence He did many a hard day’s work on Sunday.
11. The apostles worked on Sunday during the same time.
12. The apostles never rested upon Sunday.
13. Christ never blessed it.
14. It has never been blessed by any divine authority.
15. It has never been sanctified.
16. No law was ever given by God, Christ, or the apostles, to enforce the keeping of it, hence it is no transgression to work upon it. “Where no law is, there is no transgression.” Romans 4:15 (See also 1 John 3:4)
17. The New Testament nowhere forbids work to be done on it.
18. No penalty is provided for its violation.
19. No blessing is promised for its observance.
20. No regulation is given as to how it ought to be observed. Would this be so if the Lord wished us to keep it?
21. It is never called the Christian Sabbath.
22. It is never called the Sabbath day at all.
23. It is never called the Lord’s day.

24. It is never called even a rest day.
25. No sacred title whatever is applied to it. Why then should man call it holy?
26. It is simply called "first day of the week."
27. Jesus never mentioned it in any way – never took its name upon His lips, so far as the record shows.
28. It is impossible to keep every day holy as the Sabbath. The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment (Exodus 20:8-11) commands us to work 6 days and rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> day
29. Neither God, Christ, nor inspired men ever said one word in favor of Sunday as a holy day.
30. The first day of the week is mentioned only eight times in all the New Testament. (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2,9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).
31. Six of these texts refer to the same first day of the week.
32. Paul directed the saints to look over their secular affairs on that day. (1 Cor. 16:2)
33. In all the New Testament we have a record of only one religious meeting held upon that day, and even this was a night meeting (Acts 20:5-12).
34. There is no evidence that they ever held a meeting upon it before or after that.
35. It was not their custom to meet on that day. This was a farewell meeting because Paul said they would "see my face no more." (Acts 20:25)
36. We have an account of only one instance when Christ met and broke bread on Thursday night (Luke 22), and the disciples sometimes broke bread every day (Acts 2:42-46).
37. Only God can make something holy. Therefore it is impossible to keep Sunday holy, because God never made it holy. Only a holy God can make a holy day.
38. The Bible nowhere says that the first day of the week commemorated the resurrection of Christ. This is a tradition of men, which contradicts the law of God (Matthew 15:1-9). Baptism commemorates the burial and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:3-5).
39. The gospel writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – wrote their gospels decades after Christ had ascended to heaven. None of them give any indication that Sunday was being kept holy for any reason whatsoever.
40. Finally, the New Testament is totally silent with regard to any change of the Sabbath day or any sacredness for the first day.