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## By What Authority

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Matthew 21:23-24

INT.

Even Jesus found that all public teachers challenged. Text Explains: I Pet. 3:15. Jude 3. II Tim. 2:24. II Tim. 2:15 Christian stands unique today: HAS Bible authority for all that he does in his life. A must too! John 12:48.

I. BY WHAT AUTHORITY DOES THE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER UPON THE FIRST DAY OF "EVERY" WEEK?

- A. They always have. Acts 2:41-42. I Cor. 16:2. Acts 20:7
- B. No question at all about the collection. T. E. V. "First day of EVERY week."
- C. No real question about the Lord's Supper either.
  1. K. J. "Upon the first day of the week."
  2. N.E.B. & T. E. V. "On the Saturday night" and "On Saturday evening." WHY? Because that's when they met to BEGIN their fellowship and worship.
  3. Gr. MIA: "In the first day of the week." Acts 20:7.
- Letter: \*\*\* Problem to translators: Sat. night or Sun. night?
4. Note: Meeting was in Troas, a Roman colony.
  - a. Jewish 1st day began at 6 p.m. Saturday.
  - b. Roman 1st day began at 12 p.m. Saturday.
 Note: Supper was eaten past midnight, so either time put the observance on the 1st day!!!
5. Early Christians ate common meal first, maybe the love feast (Agape) and then the Lord's Supper.
6. Evening hour selected to let shopkeepers and slaves attend the Supper. Romans had no Sabbath day! Known by some as Evening Communion. Convenience.
- D. Historical References: Barnabas, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and Cyprian all wrote about weekly communion upon 1st day of every week. Ante-Nicean Fathers.

II. WHAT HAS HALLOWED THIS DAY AND EVENT FOR THE CHRISTIAN?

- A. Jesus arose upon the first day of the week. T. E. V. Marys.
  1. Matt. 28:1. "After the Sabb., as Sun. morn was dawning"
  - Marys 2. Mark 16:2. "Very early on Sunday morning.." MIA
  - Women 3. Luke 24:1.. "Very early on Sunday morning.." MIA
  - Mary 4. John 20:1.. "Early on Sunday morning." MIA.
- B. Jesus made 2nd appearance on a Sunday night. J. 20:19.
- C. Church was established on a 1st Sun. Pentecost. A. 2:1
- D. Christians met every Sunday to remember. Acts 20:7.
- E. I Cor. 16:2. Remember me when remember the poor, lost!
- F. Rev. 1:10. Great revelation given on 1st day of week.

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