



SHOULD WE FOLLOW THE JEWISH CALENDAR?
THIS IS MORE THAN A QUESTION OF SABBATH VS SUNDAY.



A VERY DIFFERENT CALENDAR

- **Different new year**
 - **Rosh HaShanah**
- **Different days per month**
- **Different start of months**
- **Different time a day begins**

Hebrew Months	Jewish Holidays	Secular Months
<i>Nisan</i>	Passover, Yom HaShoah	March-April
<i>Iyar</i>	Yom HaAtzmaut	April-May
<i>Sivan</i>	Shavuot	May-June
<i>Tamuz</i>		June-July
<i>Av</i>	Tisha B'Av	July-August
<i>Elul</i>		August-September
<i>Tishri</i>	Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah	September-October
<i>Cheshvan</i>		October-November
<i>Kislev</i>	Hanukkah	November-December
<i>Tevet</i>		December-January
<i>Shevat</i>	Tu BiSh'vat	January-February
<i>Adar</i>	Purim	February-March

FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK = DAY OF WORSHIP

- **John 20:1** Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
- **John 20:19** Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."
- **John 20:26** And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

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- **Acts 2:1** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- **From Sabbath – count 7 Sabbaths ($7 \times 7 = 49$); the next day (day 50) is Pentecost.**
- **Since Passover was on a Sabbath; Pentecost was on a Sunday.**

FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK = DAY OF WORSHIP

- **Acts 20:7** Now on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.
- **Disciples came together on first day of the week**
- **When then came together, they would worship, partake of communion and study how they should live.**
- **When a regularly recurring event occurs on a regularly recurring day, the two will always recur together.**

STRICT OBSERVANCE REQUIRES US TO LIVE ON ISRAEL TIME

- **We are on Central Time and about 8 hours behind Israel.**
- **All Jews (no matter where they lived) were to follow Israel time and calendar**
- **Day begins at 6 pm.**
- **Adjust your clock and calendar to Jewish day and time**
- **Matthew followed the Jewish time and calendar**
- **Other gospels – followed Roman time and calendar**

JUDAISM HAS BEEN DONE AWAY

- **Romans 7:6** But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.
- **Colossians 2:14** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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- **Ephesians 2:14-15** ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from the two, thus* making peace

JUDAISM HAS BEEN DONE AWAY

- **Hebrews 8:6-7** ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. ⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

- **Our focus is the resurrection**
Jesus was raised on Sunday morning
- **The Jewish week was based on the creation**
7th day was a day of rest

SUNDAY (1ST DAY OF WEEK) IS DAY OF WORSHIP

- **Jesus raised – 1st day of the week**
- **Met with 10 apostles – 1st day of the week (Thomas absent)**
- **Met with 11 apostles – 1st day of the week (Thomas present)**
- **Church begin – 1st day of the week**
- **Christians met to worship – 1st day of the week**

THE GOSPEL IS UNIVERSAL – NOT JEWISH

- **Great Commission – all the world, every creature**
- **The gospel went to other time zones, nations, races, and calendars**