

INTRODUCTION

1. Return to Lk 23:56-24:1. Res life is given in context of Sab. Review
 - i. Sab as creation ord; IVth c. rooted in creation & redemption - OCov calendar's ceremonial Sabs; Jesus observed Sab - liberated from Phar's legalisms; Jesus' disciples observe Sab - 23:56.
2. Essence of Sab = life lived w/ God.

1st: A Rhetorical Stitch

1. Note *but* in 24:1 wh/ is coupled w/ *And or Then* in 23:56. A grammatical devise [$\mu\epsilon\upsilon\ldots\delta\epsilon$] wh/ shows comparison - connection & contrast. The 2nd thg in the comparison is better than the 1st thg.
2. This devise is used 7x in Heb 7 to show superiority of Melchizedek's priesthood [a type of Christ's] to OCov priesthood. Translated "on the one hand...but on the other hand..." Heb 7
 - i. v1-3 was 1st of all...[v2], but... [v3]: Melchizedek//Son of God
 - ii. v5-7 indeed...[v5] but...[6&7] - Abraham//Melchizedek
 - iii. v8 in this case... but in that case... - mortal men//an eternal man
 - iv. Central comparison; uses stronger term: v11 Now... Levitical priesthood -> v16's but the power of an indestructible life.
 - v. v18-19 on the one hand...other hand - contrast of a better hope.
 - vi. v20-21 indeed...but [v21] contrast oaths, Ps 110:4 - better cov [v22]
 - vii. v23-24 on the one hand...other hand: temporary - eternal priesthood
3. What does this devise signal? OCov, legit, but superseded by the *better* NCov wh/ takes same provisions & elevates them into res vitality in Jesus
4. Lk 23:56-24:1 *And on the Sab* [v56]... *But on the 1st day*. The blessings of OCov Sab is elevated into 1st Day resurrection vitality: better!

2nd: How Did Jesus Make the First Day the Holy Day of the New Covenant?

1. Original Sab establ'd by act of God wh/ Adam was to imitate.
2. Sab was made for Adam [Mrk 2:27] - Gn 2:1-3 *blessed*: words [Gn 1:22] & *sanctified*: set apart unto God. Gift of time w/ Creator-Father.

- i. Adam's hope having completed his mandate: enter God's Sab Rest.
- ii. Threat of *death* = Adam wld not enter God's Rest: eternal separation
- iii. Original Sab establ'd by God giving Himself; being present w/ Adam.
3. Manna - Ex 16:4-5 - test: live on daily bread [excess wld rot - v20], except 6th day, given 2-day portion - v22-30. What wld otherwise die is kept alive - Sab is assoc'd w/ life given by Lord - not man's achievement.
4. How did Jesus establish 1st Day as Holy Day of NCov? By coming w/ res life to be present w/ His disciples. Jn 20:24 - Thomas was AWOL.
 - i. v25 told of Jesus: not believe - v26 after 8 days = next Sunday
 - ii. Other post-res appearances: Jn 21:1-7; 1C15:6, 7; Mat 28:16. For a period of 40 days [A 1:3]. Pentecost = a Sunday - given HS.
5. 2 defining events - res of Jesus & gift of HS - on 1st day.

3rd: The Early Church Gathered on the First Day of the Week

1. Church 1st met in temple - A 3:1; 5:12. Later separated from synagogue.
2. A 20:6-7 Paul in a hurry [v16] so why stay 7 days? Church gathered [synagogued] on 1st day in order to break bread. 1C 11:20 [v17] LT
3. 1C 16:1-2 re: collection for famine relief - assume mtg on 1st day.
4. Rv 1:10 *Lord's Day* - well known ref to 1st day [*Lord's table*]. The Didache: "The Teachings" - Early ch docts & practices. Didache 14:1 "On the Lord's own Day gather together & break bread & give thanks."
5. All that was done on the Lord's Day aligns w/ gift of Sab: "Ld Sab"
6. Heb 4:9-11 Ps 95 - Israelites who not enter Land [God's Sab Rest] - v4 cites Gn 2:1-3 = our promised Sab Rest. v9-11 = conclusion & applic:
 - i. v9-10 = *Sab rest* - unique term in NT, in OT means "observe Sab".
 - ii. v10 - a general truth wh/ speaks of Jesus. We are to follow Jesus.
 - iii. v11 be diligent - sanctif [not justif] -enter *that rest* [God's Sab Rest]
7. Review - Rev 14:12-13; Heb 10:19-25