

**Intro:** READ WLC Q&A 115 (Exodus 20:8-11)-116.

Main Point of Text: Jesus spoke to John during spiritual worship on the Christian Sabbath.

Sermon Point: *Hear Jesus Here.*

**Move 1:** *The Sabbath is God's eternal expectation of all men.*

LC: "such set times as he hath appointed in his word ... expressly one whole day [Ps. 92:2] in seven ... was the seventh from the beginning of the world ... ". Ongoing principle w/ future flexibility.

LC: "to continue to the end of the world": Col. 2:16-17 re: "sabbath days" plural, not sing. "Sabbath Day"

- Part/in middle of whole Moral Law. Written in stone: Ex. 31:18 (unlike ceremonial/judicial law).
- "Remember" (Ex. 20:8); already going on: Ex. 16:23. Ex. 20:11 with Genesis 2:2-3 (LC 120)
- Creation ordinance. Before the Fall, so LC: "require[d] of all men".

**Move 2:** *You are to make the Sabbath special.*

LC: "the sanctifying or keeping holy to God" (LC 117) Setting aside as separate for a special, precious use.

READ Isaiah 56:2-7. Make holy w/ purpose. Mimic Jesus' custom Lk. 4:16.

**Move 3:** *Christ the Lord now speaks in your Christian assembly on His Resurrection Day.*

LC: "to the resurrection of Christ ... which is the Christian sabbath": *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.* (Mat 5:17-18).

LC: "the first day of the week ever since":

- When gathered for worship: 1 Cor. 16:1-2 (offering collected); Acts 20:6-7 (communion/preaching); with Jn. 20:1, 19 (while gathered in evening). Why first day now?
- First Sabbath followed completion of creation. Second Sabbath follows completion of re-creation.
- Jesus died on the sixth day and was buried; dead on seventh day; rose alive on the first day.
- Hebrews 4:1-9. Sabbath rest remains for people of God anticipating eternal sabbath.
- Amer. Presby. Press, "Doc. of Christian Sabbath" on Matthew 28:1 re: "first day of the week"
  - Literally: ... *At the end of the sabbaths, as it began to dawn towards the first of the sabbaths ...*

Day change reflects change of priesthood (Heb. 7:12). LC: "in the New Testament called The Lord's day":

- *For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.* (Mat 12:8).
- Revelation 1:10: John's time and situation is highlighted to be the Christian Sabbath.
  - Why mention day? Christian Sabbath where/when Jesus speaks in a special way to His people.
  - John heard a great voice: whose? Jesus (vs. 13). He specially speaks/appears on His Day.
  - John 20:19, 26 and Hebrews 2:11-12 (Psalm 22:22). He still speaks within the congregation.

**Conclusion:** *Hear Jesus Here.*