

1st Day of Week

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IN THE GARDEN

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another...

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→ Affirmed in letters..

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Almost everyone mentions this...

→ Basis of 1st day WORSHIP

- Basis of Great Commission –
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- Basis of 1ST day Worship

Basis of 1st day Worship Yes, that is what WE do.. In accord with history!

→ Justin Martyr quote

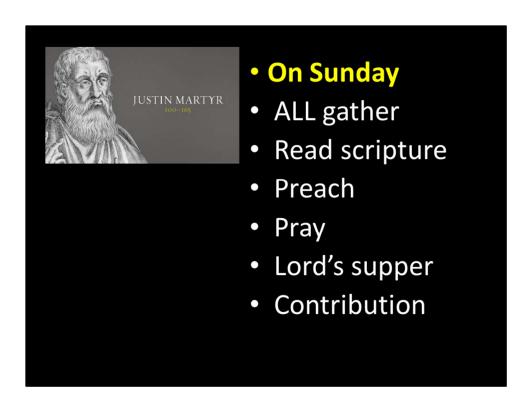


- Jesus crucified
- on Friday
- RAISED
- on Sunday
- Appeared

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→ Acts 20:7 – the NT statement



Justin Martyr on First Day Worship (100-165 A.D.)

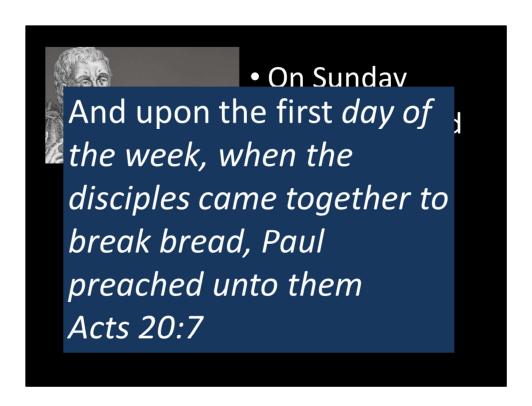
Sunday. As reported by the early Christian writer, Justin Martyr.

" Chapter 67. Weekly worship of the Christians

And we afterwards continually remind each other of these things. And the wealthy among us help the needy; and we always keep together; and for all things wherewith we are supplied, we bless the Maker of all through His Son Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Ghost.

And on the day called Sunday, *all who live in cities or in the country gather together* to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president *verbally instructs, and exhorts* to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and *pray*, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, *bread and wine and water are brought*, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a *distribution to each, and a participation* of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are *well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit*; and *what is collected is deposited* with the president, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the

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Acts 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them

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1 Cor. 11:23-26

- 23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;
- and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
- 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- → Basis of Baptism

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Romans 6:3-4

The basis of Baptism ... buried with Christ, raised to walk in newness of life! Rom. 6

→ YET British POLL -

British Poll results of 'Christians'

- ¼ NOT believe –
- 2/3 NOT believe in 'word-forword' account
- 43% who ATTEND REGULARLY do NOT believe

YET - British POLL -

¼ of 'Christians' do NOT believe in the resurrection of Jesus!
-1/3 of 'Christians' believe in the 'word-for-word' story of the resurrection
Only 57% of those who go to church regularly believe in the resurrection
43% do NOT Believe it

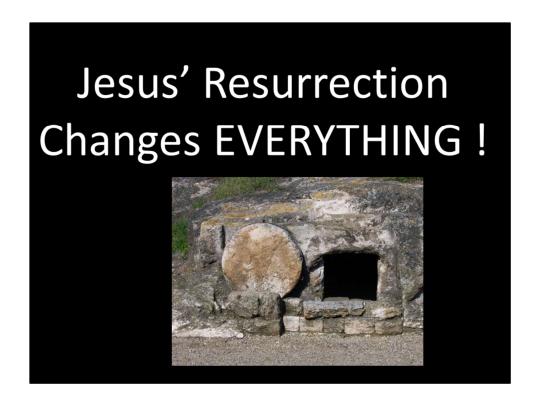
→ With such numbers, the <u>Bishop of Manchester responds</u>: "This important and welcome survey proves that many British people, despite not being regular churchgoers, hold core Christian beliefs."

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/10/quarter-christians-do-notbelieve-resurrection/

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→ Changes Everything – implications for us



Jesus' Resurrection changes EVERYTHING

→ There is a GOD

There is a God!

Acts 26:6-8

There is a GOD... Acts 26:6-8

NOT a circular argument, but based upon historical event \dots that has TWO implications

There is a GOD behind this EVENT...

Jesus is CONFIRMED by this event...

→ Jesus is the SON of God

Jesus is the Son of God

Romans 1:4

Jesus is the Son of God – Romans 1:4
God had said so – baptism / transfiguration
Jesus had foretold his resurrection
NOW VERFIED, confirmed, affirmed – by RESURRECTION
→ Jesus is LORD

Jesus is LORD (all authority)

Romans 14:9 Matt. 28:18-19

Jesus is LORD

Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Phil. 2:9-11

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matt. 28:18-19

→ Believers Baptized – raised to walk in newness of life – Rom. 6

Believers are Baptized – RAISED in newness of life

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baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that *like as Christ was raised up from the dead* by the glory of the Father, *even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

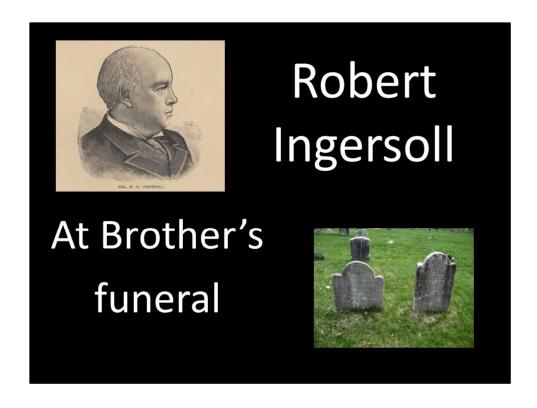
→ Gives HOPE to our funerals

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1 Thess. 4:13f

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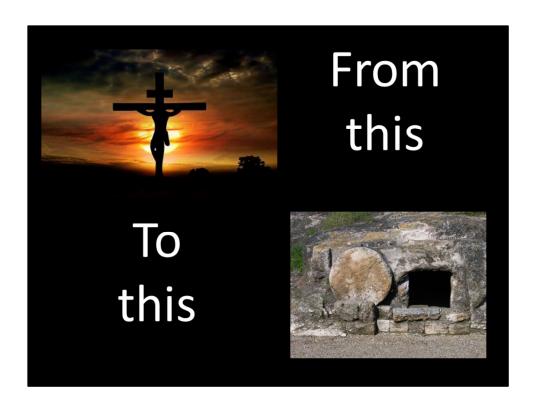
→ Robert Ingersoll graveside speech



Robert Ingersoll was a famous atheist of the 1800's. As he spoke at the grave of his dead brother it is reported that he said:

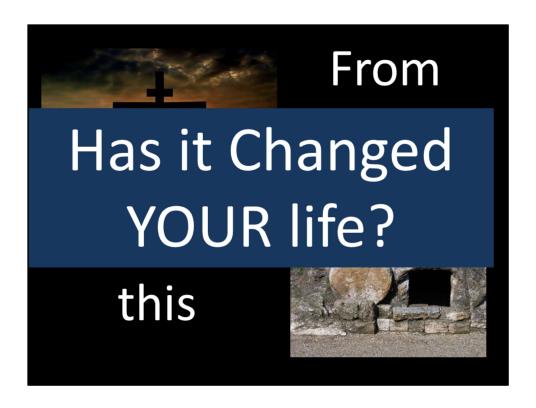
Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud—and the only murmur is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word. But in the night of Death, Hope sees a star, and listening Love can hear the rustle of a wing (Farrell, 12:391).

→ Crucified – BUT 'he is not here, he is risen' – why seek the living among the dead



Jesus – lived, crucified, buried RAISED ON THE 1ST DAY OF THE WEEK EXALTED –

→ Has it changed YOUR LIFE?



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