

Important Days in Scripture — Hiram Kemp

Every day that God allows us to enjoy on earth should ignite gratitude in our hearts (Psalm 118:24). However, there are some days that are highlighted as more significant than others. Certain days contain events that set them apart as special and unique (Luke 5:26). Here are a few days in Scripture that are important.

The Days of Creation (Genesis 1:1-31)

The days of creation are special because they are the days that begin all days. Without the six days of creation, there would be no other days to acknowledge. As God created everything and declared it very good, we see God manifested His power (Nehemiah 9:6). God's work during the days of the creation week differentiates Him from the false idols in the ancient near eastern world (1 Chronicles 16:26). The days of creation are extraordinary because, in six days, God created this beautiful world with precision and design that we have come to know and love (Psalm 33:6; 33:9). While some want to credit matter with the world's existence, Scripture tells us that in the first six days, God spoke everything into existence (Exodus 20:11; John 1:1-3).

The First Day of the Week (Matthew 28:1-8; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2)

The Sabbath Day was a day of holiness and prominence in the Old Testament, but there is a decisive shift concerning the Sabbath in the New Testament (Deuteronomy 5:12). The first day of the week is the day Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1-8). After Jesus' resurrection, the first day of the week became known as the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10). The church came into existence on the first day of the week; Pentecost always fell on the first day of the week (Leviticus 23:15-21; Acts 2:1-47). The church gathers to worship on the first day of the week, partaking of the Lord's Supper, praying, sacrificially giving to the Lord's cause, exhorting each other in songs and preaching (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Ephesians 5:19). The first day of the week is unlike any other because the tomb was empty on the first day of the week, and God's people collectively honor Him on that day as well.

The Judgment Day (Matthew 24:36; John 5:28-29)

The Judgment Day is special because it is the day we will be judged by God and ushered into eternity, either into Heaven or into Hell. Jesus promised that the time would come when all will hear His voice and come forth to be judged and to go to eternal joy or to eternal torment (John 5:22, 28-29). No one knows when the Judgment Day will take place, but we can be sure it will come because God has assured us of it (Matthew 24:36). Our focus should not be on the time of Jesus' return but on what our spiritual condition will be when He arrives (2 Peter 3:10-14). The Day of Judgment will be the most important day of our lives. We should spend the remainder of our days preparing for it by trusting in Jesus and walking faithfully in His footsteps.

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News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED: For EVERYONE in ALL of our assemblies regardless of where seated.

SYMPATHY: To Martha Noland Rushmore and family at the passing of her son, Bob Noland, Jr. The Noland Family were former members here. God bless and comfort this family in their sorrow.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

PANTRY: Peas and carrots.

POCKET CALENDARS: Thanks to Ed and Linda Wiersbicki for their annual donation of pocket calendars. Get a copy on the table in the foyer. Wall calendars from Dawson's are also available.

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Jean Varrato - covid with ventilator (Jason Wright's aunt). **Claudette Miller**, 362 Arroyo Village Road, New Cumberland, WV 26047. Cards will be delivered to her in Weston.

SICK & SHUT-IN: STONEWALL JACKSON HOSPITAL, WESTON, WV: Claudette Miller. AT HOME: Lois Hissom, Beulah Walker, Bob Riley, Willard Burdine, Sr. - covid, Joe Rhodes - covid (son of Jenny), Melvin "Pete" Reed, Jim Hadley, Marilyn Miller, Randy Beagle, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Jean Haught (Skip's mother), Emma Rine, Rick Beck. IN FLORIDA: Ilene Rayl.

You Face A Decision

The rich man **faced a decision** when the Lord told him to go and sell all he had — he made a bad decision.

Lot **faced a decision** when Abram gave him the choice as they divided the land for their herdsmen — he made a bad decision.

Gideon **faced a decision** when God reduced his men from 22,000 to 10,000 then to 300 — he made a good decision.

Thousands heard the gospel on the day of Pentecost. They **faced a decision** when the apostles told them of their sins — about 3,000 of them made a good decision.

First century Christians **faced a decision** after they became Christians and needed to grow, learn more, and serve one another — many made excellent decisions as they added to their faith, grew in knowledge, wisely used their time and energy, and developed talents. What decision are you making?

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