

THE REVELATION OF HOLY SCRIPTURE CONCERNING “THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST” (PART 2)

“THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK” IS NEVER NAMED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. A GRIEVOUS MIS-TRANSLATION

It will at once be asked, If our Lord’s own statements completely rule out the Sunday following His death as the day of His resurrection, why does each of the Four Gospels state that He rose in the early morning of “the first (day) of the week”?

The answer is that neither the Gospels nor any other part of Scripture makes any such statement, for if they did so it would contradict the One Who is the Incarnate Word, and that would mean that our blessed Lord and the Holy Spirit in the Evangelists were at variance on the matter, to say which would be to display culpable ignorance. No, it was the translators of the English Authorized and Revised Versions (etc., etc.), through their desire to conform with tradition, that stated that our Lord Jesus Christ rose on “the first day of the week” – and not the inspired Evangelists.

Why, then, it will be asked, do the Four Gospels state that our Lord rose on “the first (day) of the Sabbaths”? The answer to this, as most will know, is that the expression “Sabbaths” refers to the seven Sabbaths (or weeks) between the waving of “sheaf of the firstfruits” (see Leviticus 23 :9-21) which is the pre-eminent type of our Lord in resurrection, and the waving of the two loaves of “the firstfruits” at Pentecost fifty days later. In other words, the Gospels state that our Lord rose on “the first day” of the seven weeks which elapsed between His resurrection and Pentecost.

The sum of what we have thus far set forth is that our Lord’s own plain statements as to the time of His resurrection absolutely exclude Sunday and fix that great Event as occurring after 6 P.M. Sunday and before 6 A.M. Monday. This Monday is named in each of the Four Gospels “the first (day) of the Sabbaths”, that is, the seven Sabbaths or weeks between our Lord’s resurrection and Pentecost in the year A.D.33.

We now have to learn why this Monday was in Divine Time both “the morrow after the Sabbath” and “the first (day) of the Sabbaths” or seven weeks to Pentecost. That it was so is proved by the fact that our risen Lord early in the morning sent Mary Magdalene with a message to His disciples, saying, “I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; unto My God, and your God” (John20:17). This ascent was as the Antitype of the Wave-sheaf of Firstfruits, and as such our Lord could not present Himself on any other day without the type being broken as well as the Scripture of which it forms a part.

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