

Doing WHAT on the Sabbath?!!

Week 18 ~ Notes for July 3rd

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Background

Subject	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus at the poolside and the disciples in the cornfield - <i>on Sabbath!</i>	12:1-8 12:9-21	2:23-28 3:1-6	6:1-5 6:6-11	5:1-15

Discussion

Rumour has it that a survey was conducted in the streets of Watford, a town just north of London. One of the questions in the survey was "What does 'Seventh-day Adventist' mean?". One gentleman responded with the magnificent answer "Do they celebrate Christmas every seven days?"



"Now! *That* should clear up a few things around here!"

Seventh-day Adventists took a rather literalist approach when coming up with a name for their fledgling denomination. There's no attempt to prettify or soften the name. No - just shoehorn together the two seemingly most important doctrines into a name and we'll call ourselves that. It does what it says on the tin.

Clearly the *Sabbath* is very important to us.

Taking the story of Jesus in the cornfield as our starting point, we shall take a short-ish look at the standards of the day. Just what was expected of a Jew on the Sabbath? Then we'll debate, in an extremely practical way, the best way of keeping/honouring/dealing-with/*insert-your-preferred-term-here* the Sabbath in the 21st century.

Bring along your best (and worst) personal Sabbath experiences...