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"JESUS ATTRACTS OPPOSITION"  
MATTHEW 12:1-22  
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Seven Reasons The Church Does Not Keep The Jewish Sabbath:

1. Because the Sabbath observance was for the Nation Israel

**Exodus 31:12-17 (NKJV)** "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak also to **the children of Israel**, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it *is a sign between Me and you* throughout your generations, that *you* may know that I *am* the Lord who sanctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it is* holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does *any* work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh *is* the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does *any* work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore **the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath**, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. **It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel** forever; for *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

2. The resurrection of Christ was on the first day of the week

**Mark 16:9 (NKJV)** "Now when *He* rose early on **the first day of the week**, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons."

3. Jesus first post-resurrection meeting with His disciples was on the first day of the week

**John 20:19 (NKJV)** "Then, the same day at evening, being **the first day of the week**, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace *be* with you.'"

4. The early church assembled together on the first day of the week

**Acts 20:7 (NKJV)** "Now on **the first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight."

5. The early church took an offering on the first day of the week

**1 Corinthians 16:2 (NKJV)** "On **the first day of the week** let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."

6. Sabbath breaking is not included in any of the lists of sins in the New Testament

7. The Sabbath was a shadow of a reality to come; Jesus Christ was that reality

**Colossians 2:16-17 (NKJV)** "So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or **sabbaths**, which are a **shadow** of things to come, but the **substance** is of Christ."

**Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)** "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**."

I. Restoring the Sabbath (vv. 1-14)

**Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)** “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.<sup>30</sup> For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

**Galatians 5:1b (NKJV)** “...entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

A. Hunger on the Sabbath (vv. 1-8)

1. Jesus Appealed to a King (vv. 3-4)
2. Jesus Appealed to the Priests (vv. 5-6)
3. Jesus Appealed to a Prophet (vv. 7-8)

B. Healing on the Sabbath (vv. 9-14)

II. Reaffirming the Scriptures (vv. 15-21)

A. The Messiah Would Be Commended by the Father and Empowered by the Holy Spirit (v. 18a)

**Matthew 3:17 (NKJV)** “And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

**Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV)** “To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.”

B. The Messiah Would Declare Justice to the Gentiles (v. 18b)

C. The Messiah Would Go About His Work With Humility (v. 19)

D. The Messiah Would Be Compassionate to the Weak (v. 20a)

**Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)** “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”

E. The Messiah Would Bring the Final Victory (vv. 20b-21)

**Romans 8:18 (NKJV)** “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”