



July 4 - “Independence Day”

On July 4, 1776 the Continental Congress of ratified the “Declaration of Independence” from Great Britain.

c. 33 AD, on a Friday - *Christ crucified*

Lk 24:20-21

“20 ... chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. 21 But **we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel”**

Mk 14:50

**“they all forsook Him and fled” NKJV
(when arrested on Thurs)**

Sun. morn, “1st day of week” - *tomb empty!*

Lk 24:22-23

22...some women...were **at the tomb early in the morning**, 23 and **did not find His body...**

Lk 24:1-6

1...on the **first day of the week**, at **early dawn**, they came to the tomb...3 when they entered, they **did not find the body of the Lord Jesus** ... 6 He is not here, but He has **RISEN** ...”

“1st day of week” - *appeared to ...*

1. **Mk 16:9** *Mary Magdalene*
2. **Mt 28:1...9** *Other women*
3. **Lk 24:1...21,22...29...34** *Peter*
4. **Lk 24:1...21,22...29...31** *Two men*
5. **Jn 20:1...19,20** *Apostles*

“1st day of week” (1wk later) - *appeared to ...*

6. **Jn 20:26-29** *Apostles incl. Thomas*

1st day of week

Ac 2:1 “Pentecost” (Lev 23:11,15)

“14 Peter...with the eleven,
raised his voice and declared...
23 you nailed to a cross ... 24 put
him to death 27 nor allow...to
undergo decay” [burial] 32 This
Jesus God raised up again”!

1st day of week Ac 2

“36 know for certain [faith] that God has made Him both Lord and Christ... 38 Repent, and each of you be baptized **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins ... 41 those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls ... 47 being saved”

Independence! Secured & confirmed, preached in fullness, received and “added” on 1st day of the week!

But independence from SIN requires an acceptable SACRIFICE for *atonement*...

Heb 9

“17 a covenant is valid only when men are dead [“Lit over the dead” NASB ftnt]” ... 22 without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness”

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Heb 10

“5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “You have not desired sacrifice and offering [bulls & goats, v4], but you have prepared a body for Me ... By this will [the “second” v9; “new” 8:13] we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 16-17 This is the covenant...!”

1Co 11

“20 the **Lord’s Supper**...23 ...the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 ... 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.**”

Lord’s Memorial to our Independence!

Ac 20:7

“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread”

NKJV

*Commemoration of our Independence
through our Lord Jesus Christ!*

“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread”

NKJV

Jn 8:34,36

“34 Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin ... 36 if the Son makes you **free, you will be **free indeed!**”**

Ac 2:36-38

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