"So then, there <u>remains a Sabbath rest</u> for the people of God, (10) for whoever <u>has entered</u>
<u>God's rest</u> has also rested from his works as God did from his. (11) Let us therefore <u>strive to enter that rest</u>, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience." (Hebrews 4:9-11)

Jesus would not be in bondage to worshipping on the Sabbath, since He promised to give us rest... and **Jesus did NOT FAIL!** Of course believers **can** worship on the Sabbath and this is not a problem. The problem arises when some "Christians" **mandate** that worship be on Saturday. This is a **denial** of what Jesus **has provided** for us.

Also note the verses in Hebrews 4:9-11. Here we see various "relationships" with the Sabbath. There <u>remains</u> a Sabbath rest for some. Some have <u>already entered</u> into our Sabbath rest (Jesus). The last group are strongly encouraged to <u>strive to enter</u> that promised rest (Jesus).

# Temple Worship

Jesus would NOT be worshipping at the Temple... because **He IS the Temple!** 

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and **THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE** of it." (Revelation 21:22)

Jesus would not be honoring the ceremonial Laws surrounding the Temple. Even if the Temple were rebuilt, He would NOT be worshipping in the Temple. As the verse above tells us, there will not even be a Temple in the Presence of God, as God and Jesus are themselves the Temple. Lastly, the Bible tells us that believers are the temple of the Holy Ghost.

## Don't let anyone judge you!

"Therefore <u>do not let anyone judge you by</u> what you <u>eat or drink</u>, or with regard to a <u>religious festival</u>, a <u>New Moon</u> celebration or a <u>Sabbath day</u>. (17) <u>These are a shadow</u> of the things that were to come; t<u>he reality, however, is found in</u> <u>Christ.</u>" (Colossians 2:16-17)

Take heed! Many spiritual sounding and often well meaning people will judge you for various things. Some examples include: eating unclean food, not worshipping on the Sabbath, not honoring festivals and holy days.

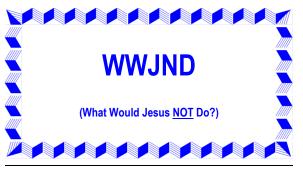
God says that we should not let them judge us. He tells us that these are just **shadows** and that the **reality is Jesus Christ**!

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet <u>not I, but Christ</u> liveth in me..." (Galatians 2:20)

### Conclusion:

Death to "self" and allowing Jesus to live in and through us is truly the **ONLY** way to really **DO** what **Jesus would DO!** 

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"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to <u>**DO**</u> and teach," (Acts 1:1)

**WWJD** bracelets became very popular reminders for Christians to ask themselves this question...

## What would Jesus do?

...before they made a choice about whether they should do something or not.

Of course, this is a good method one can use to assess the potential value or detriment of choices that one must make. Jesus is indeed a perfect role model after which believers should pattern themselves.

There is however, another important question that followers of Jesus will also benefit from asking...

## **WWJND**

What would Jesus NOT do?

# WWJND (WHAT WOULD JESUS NOT DO?)

There is truly great significance in asking ourselves...

"What would Jesus NOT do?"

In answer to this question, some thoughts likely come to mind immediately. Such as...

Jesus would NOT lie, cheat, steal, murder, etc. Yet perhaps our thoughts should move in other directions.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, <u>It is finished</u>: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." (John 19:30)

# Would Jesus RE-DO things that He has already completed?

Today, many ask "*spiritual sounding*" questions such as...

"Why don't you do what Jesus did?"

or

# "Why do you not follow Jesus' example?"

These questions sound majestic and lofty. As Christians we are most assuredly to be Christ-like.

However, the things that Jesus did... **ONLY HE** could do, successfully. For example:

Jesus died on the Cross for our sins... we cannot do what He did!

Jesus is God... we **cannot** do what He did!

Now these are some of the more obvious examples, but in reality, everything Jesus <u>DID</u> was for us because we **could not** do them.

### What would Jesus NOT be doing?

He would NOT be re-doing that which He already did! What are some examples of things Jesus would NOT be doing now?

### **Passover**

Jesus would NOT be celebrating the Passover... because **He IS the Passover!** 

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even <u>CHRIST OUR</u>

<u>PASSOVER</u> is sacrificed for us:"

(1 Corinthians 5:7)

Is it wrong to "celebrate" the Passover? **NO**! In conjunction and commemoration of Jesus Christ, our Passover, it can be a marvelous time of worship.

Is it wrong to "<u>mandate</u>" and teach others that they are wrong (or worse, demonic) if they don't celebrate the Passover? <u>ABSOLUTELY</u>! (read Colossians 2:16-17 later in this writing.)

## **Sacrificing Animals**

Jesus would NOT be sacrificing lambs... because **He IS the Lamb of God!** 

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the <u>LAMB OF GOD</u>, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Hebrews 10:10)

It would surely be anothema (an accursed thing) to think that Jesus would be offering animal sacrifices if He walked the earth today! It is **unthinkable**!

Essentially, anyone offering animal sacrifices today, is saying that the Blood of Jesus is **inadequate** to pay the price for sin. Of course they would likely say it is "only symbol-ic" and they are not actually sacrificing for sin, but as a reminder of Jesus.

If you have been <u>forgiven</u>... truly <u>forgiven</u>, would you need to be reminded of Jesus and His sacrifice?

### Sabbaths

Jesus would NOT be seeking rest on the Sabbath... because **He IS our Sabbath Rest!** 

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and <u>I WILL GIVE YOU</u>
<u>REST</u>." (Matthew 11:28)