

# Acts 20:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

## Analysis

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'Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them.' Sunday gathering for communion and teaching shows early Christian practice. 'Ready to depart on the morrow' created urgency for extended teaching.

## Historical Context

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Sunday worship commemorated Christ's resurrection. The combination of communion ('break bread'), preaching, and fellowship characterized early church gatherings.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What does Sunday gathering teach about early Christian worship patterns?

2. How did Paul's imminent departure intensify the teaching opportunity?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἐν δὲ τῇ μιᾷ τῶν σαββάτων συνηγμένων τῶν  
upon And G3588 G1520 day of the week came together G3588  
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μαθητῶν τοῦ κλάσαι ἄρτον ὁ Παῦλος διελέγετο  
when the disciples to break bread G3588 Paul preached  
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αὐτοῖς μέλλων ἔξιέναι τῇ ἐπαύριον παρέτεινέν τε  
unto them ready to depart G3588 on the morrow continued and  
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τὸν λόγον μέχρι μεσονυκτίου  
G3588 his speech until midnight  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 16:2** (Parallel theme): Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

**John 20:19** (Parallel theme): 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, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

**Acts 2:42** (Parallel theme): And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**John 20:1** (Parallel theme): The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

**Revelation 1:10** (Parallel theme): I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

**Acts 20:11** (Parallel theme): When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

**Acts 28:23** (Parallel theme): And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

**Acts 20:9** (References Paul): And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

**Luke 24:35** (Parallel theme): And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.