

# 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	μῃ	τῶν	σαββάτων	συνηγμένων	τῶν
upon	And	G3588	G1520	G3588	day of the week	came together	G3588
G1722	G1161				G4521	G4863	
μαθητῶν	τοῦ	κλάσαι	ἄρτον	ὁ	Παῦλος	διελέγετο	
when the disciples	G3588	to break	bread	G3588	Paul	preached	
G3101		G2806	G740		G3972	G1256	
αὐτοῖς	μέλλων	ἐξιέναι	τῇ	ἐπαύριον	παρέτεινέν	τε	
unto them	ready	to depart	G3588	on the morrow	continued	and	
G846	G3195	G1826		G1887	G3905	G5037	
τὸν	λόγον	μέχρι	μεσονυκτίου				
G3588	his speech	until	midnight				
	G3056	G3360	G3317				

### 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.