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Days inclusively, (agreeable to the Jewish Method of Computation) which brings us to the next First Day of the Week ; we fee the Difeiples again affembled, and our LORD again appearing, with his Benediction. And as the Evangelift informs us, at the thirtieth Verfe, that he performed imany Signs, in the Prefence of bis Disciples, which are not there particularly specified ; tis probable he might then also deliver other Inftructions, and inform them; 'among the reft, of the Alteration he had made in the Sabbath. Thus, as we read Acts i. 3. He was seen of them Forty Days, Speaking of the Things pertaining to the Kingdom of GOD. In the fecond Chapter of the Acts ; at the Feaft of Pentecoft, which, a small Acquaintance with Jewifb Antiquity will convince us, was upon the First Day of the Week; we again view the Disciples met together, with one Accord, and in one Place ; the Holy Spirit further honouring the Day, by making a visible Descent, and communicating his miraculous Gifts; and a Discourse of Peter's, consequent upon it, succeeded, to the Conversion of Three Thousand Souls. It is remarkable, and worthy our Notice ; that it was upon the First Day of the Week, the First Sermon was preached, after the Afcenfion of our LORD, and the First Converts added to the Christian Church. After this, the Cuftom feems univerfally to have obtained among the Gentile Professions; and we find Paul, Acts xx. y. preaching at Troas, upon the First Day of the Week, when (as it should feem was usual upon that Day,) the Disciples came together to break Bread. We find him afterwards, directing the Church at Corintb, ii. the laft Chapter of his First Epistle, to make their Collections, upon the First Day of the Week; from whence we may conclude, that this was the most convenient Day, for the Purpole ; and what other Reason can be affigned, why it should be fo, only, because that on this Day, they were conftantly affembled for Divine Worthip? Giving of Alms was cuftomary

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