

# MEMORIALS

**Text: Exodus 3:15(NASB). God...said to Moses ..., “The LORD...This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.”**

God loves memorials! He has throughout history established certain memorials for the purpose of recalling important persons, actions, or events.

## Some Old Testament Memorials

**The Sabbath** testified to the creation (Genesis 2:3). The Sabbath memorializes God as Creator. God commanded the children of Israel to observe this day in Exodus 20:8-9. The Christian observes the first day of the week in commemorating the resurrection of Christ (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2).

**The Rainbow in the Clouds** is a memorial to the covenant God made with Noah; on behalf of all flesh (Genesis 9:8-17). According to this everlasting covenant the world will never again be destroyed by water, but will be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:10-12). Every time man sees the bow in the sky he is to remember God's faithful promise.

**The Passover** was a memorial in that the children of Israel would keep it each year and remember the first Passover night in which God delivered them from slavery in Egypt and the oppression of the Pharaoh. Each generation in keeping the feast would remember that God could deliver them from anything (Exo.12:1-4).

**The Twelve Stones** taken from the Jordan's bed served as a reminder of God's provision of passage across the Jordan (Joshua 4:7).

**The Jar Full of Manna** was commanded by God to be kept in memory of the Lord's daily provisions during Israel's wilderness journeyings (Exodus 16:32-34).

**The Ebenezer Stone** was a pillar memorial set up by Samuel after a battle with the Philistines (1 Sam.7:12). Its name means “*Stone of Help*.” Samuel said, “*Up to now, the Lord has helped us.*” That particular landmark was erected to remember God’s victorious help over their arch-enemies.

## Some New Testament Memorials

**The Act of the Woman with the Alabaster Jar** would stand as a memorial to her as long as the Gospel would be preached, Jesus said (Matt.26:6-13). She showed a level of faith in the Lord that most of the apostles did not possess. She showed an *outstanding sacrificial attitude* toward her service for the Lord. She gave her best! By her one righteous act she will be remembered until the end of time.

**The Lord's Supper** is the only memorial which the New Testament Christian is to observe, yet many openly defy and neglect its observance. Whenever we partake of the bread and the cup, we are “*telling and retelling*” the story of Christ's death for us and His soon return (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25). Early Christians assembled every first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2) to commemorate this feast, the greatest of *spiritual memorials*.

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