Jesus Never Went to Church!

It may sound weird to the average person, but it's true. Many reading this already know what I'm going to write… many don't. One of the most overlooked truths of scripture is the difference between Old Testament Law and New Testament Law (called the "law of liberty" in James 2:12).

The reality of the Old and New Laws is commonly known, but not as commonly understood, remembered and applied on a daily basis. I've long since forgotten how many times someone (who should know better) has told me of some passage in the Old Testament and applied it to today, or asked me how they should apply it, as if it were in force now.

Even a casual reading makes it very clear that the law and the prophets were until John, (Luke 16:16). Referring to the Old Testament, Paul's inspired letter to the church at Colossae, in chapter 2, verse 14 tells us that it was "nailed to the cross," meaning it (the Old Testament) died on the cross with Jesus.

To the point, Jesus never went to "church" at all, ever. Jesus lived and died under Old Testament Law. It was the law Jesus never broke. I can hear the protest now, "But Jesus was alive in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and those books are in the New Testament!" Well… sort of. Those four books, the "gospels" all happened under Old Testament Law! *Perhaps the publishers who actually print our Bibles should have put the page that says, "New Testament" between John and Acts instead of between Malachi and Matthew!*

When ***did*** the New Testament actually come into effect? That one is easy. Read Hebrews 9:16, 17. It is completely clear that the New Testament (or New Covenant) only came into ***effect after the death of the one who made it, Jesus!*** He ascended back into heaven in Acts 1 and the church was established in Acts 2. That makes it quite obvious. Although Jesus went to worship in the synagogue, He did not attend "church" that was only established after He went back to heaven. Yes, He is present *spiritually* in faithful, New Testament churches, but He is currently seated at the right hand of the Father (Col. 3:1; Heb 12:2, et al).

Let us all remember that we now live under the New Testament, for which Jesus shed His blood to ratify. We must never return to Old Testament Law (Read the whole book of Galatians, but especially chapter 3.) Praise God that we are set free from those "decrees against us which were hostile to us," (Col. 2:13,14). We joyfully serve under the New Covenant, God's "law of liberty!"

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