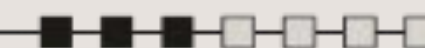


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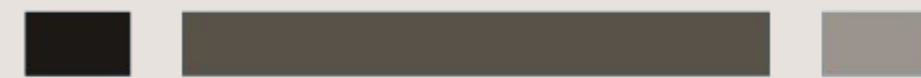
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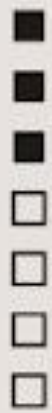


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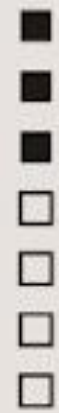




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John 5:1-2 NIV
Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

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Archaeology has confirmed not dozens, but hundreds and hundreds of details from the biblical account of the early church. Even small details have been corroborated, like which way the wind blows, how deep the water is a certain distance from the shore, what kind of disease a particular island had, the names of local officials, and so forth.

- Norman Giesler

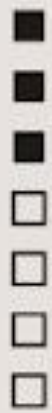




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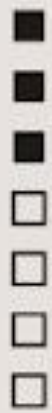


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John 5:7 NIV

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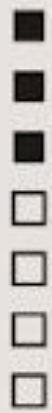
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You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and
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- **St. Augustine**, *Confessions*

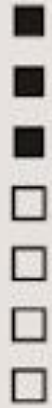




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John 5:8-9 NIV

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath...



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John 5:1 NIV
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John 5:16 NIV

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Genesis 2:1-3 NIV

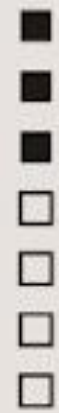
Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

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One of the things that we don't get, because when we think of rest, we think of disengagement and relaxation. When gods in the ancient world or God in the Bible rests in a Temple, that is not disengagement, that is engagement. It is not relaxation, it is ruling. That is essential to understanding the Genesis text. This is about God's rule, God's engagement.

- John Walton, *Wheaton College*





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John 5:16-17 NIV
So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”



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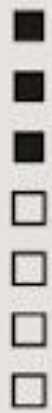
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The Sabbath is most truly honored when we participate in the work of God. [Yet we also desist.] The work we desist from is that which represents our own attempts to bring our own order to our lives. It is to resist our self-interest, our self-sufficiency and our sense of self-reliance.

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Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”