

Where Did the Early Church Meet?

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The Bible mentions the early church regularly attended synagogue on the seventh day Sabbath to hear the scriptures read because copies of scripture (ie. the Old Testament) were only available in the temple or to wealthy Jews. However, after hearing these scriptures read each Sabbath, the brethren would congregate at a local home, eat a meal together, and discuss the scriptures that had been read that same day (Ac. 2:46; 5:42; 7:49-50; 8:3; 20:20; 28:30-31; Rom. 16:5; 1Cor. 16:19; Phm. 1:2). Another example in Acts 1:13, shows that the church met in an upper room at an inn during Pentecost. Those traveling and teaching would sometimes speak in synagogues and reason with the Jews (Ac. 9:20; 13:15). There is no mention in scripture of the early church building structures for the purpose of assembling for worship. They understood that the term “church” applied to the body of believers and not to a physical building (1Cor. 3:16-17; 2Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21). The original Greek word translated “church” in the NT is 1577 SGD (Strong’s Greek Dictionary) Gk. (Greek) ekklesia meaning, “called out ones”. Because the early church was meeting together in the local synagogue, and in their homes later the same day, is yet another proof that the ancient pagan tradition of Sunday worship (see: [deus sol invictus](#)) was introduced much later by those who wished to change God's commands (Ex. 20:8-11; cf. Dan. 7:23-25; Is. 58:13-14; Is. 66:22-24).

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