

Reflection Questions: What dominates my life, grace or law? Who do I look down on with self-righteousness? Do I see needs around me and do what I can to meet them? How have I done this recently? Do I truly love Jesus & is it seen in my faithfulness and obedience to Him?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



The Sabbath Setup

Sermon
Notes

April 10, 2022

1. The Context (1-2)

2. The Confrontation (3-5)

3. The Conspiracy (6)

Quotes to Ponder

There is never a wrong day to do something good.

David Guzik

The Pharisees represented an attitude that approached sin from the preventive side. They wanted to make and enforce rules that would safeguard people from becoming impure and immoral. Jesus represented an attitude that approached sin from the creative side, seeking to reclaim the impure and immoral.

Faith is not a private wager but a public risk that Jesus is worthy of trust when no other hope can be trusted.

The real danger of a rigid legalism is that it can delude one into thinking that God is satisfied when one is a stickler for religious details, even if one is merciless to others.

Only in the grave does Jesus rest on the Sabbath.

David E. Garland

Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.

Blaise Pascal

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. When you read the charges against Jesus from the religious elite in these encounters with Jesus (2:7, 16, 18, 24; 3:6), how do they escalate? How would you summarize them?

How does Jesus assert His authority in each situation?

3. Read *Matthew 12:9-14* and *Luke 6:6-11*. What additional details do they add to Mark's account (3:1-6)?
4. What was the motivation of the scribes and Pharisees on this occasion (*Mark 3:2*)?
5. What was Jesus motivation (*Mark 3:1-6*)?

6. What prohibitions were given regarding the Sabbath in the following verses? Why?

Exodus 16:22-30 — *Numbers 15:32-36* —

Exodus 20:8-11 — *Nehemiah 10:31* —

Exodus 31:14-17 — *Nehemiah 13:15-22* —

Exodus 34:21 — *Jeremiah 17:21-22* —

Exodus 35:2-3 —

7. Why was Jesus angry in *Mark 3:5*?

8. Who had hardened hearts in the following verses?

Mark 6:52 — *John 12:37-40* —

Mark 8:17 — *Romans 11:7, 25* —

9. Besides *Mark 3:5* where did Jesus express anger?

10. When is it right to do good?

Matthew 5:16 — *1 Peter 2:13-15* —

Luke 6:35 — *1 Peter 3:6, 17* —

Galatians 6:9-10 — *1 John 3:11* —

Ephesians 2:10 —

11. Did the Old Testament teach that the Messiah would be divine? What do these verses say?

Psalms 2:7-12 — *Daniel 7:13-14* —

Proverbs 30:4 — *Jeremiah 23:5-6* —

12. Why did Jesus seem to deliberately heal people on the Sabbath (*Luke 4:31-37; 13:10-17; 14:1-9; John 5:1-9; 9:1-14*)?