

# SERMON NOTES

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**Text:** Mark 2:23–3:6

**Title:** Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

**Big Idea:** Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and the Sabbath is about goodness and wholeness.



## I. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (2:23–28)

- A. The Pharisees question that Jesus is allowing his disciples to break off heads of wheat and eat the grain on the Sabbath (2:23-24)
- B. Jesus' response (2:25–28)
  - 1. Jesus is the Son of David (2:25-26)
    - a) David was given consecrated bread, which was lawful only for priests to eat (1 Samuel 21:1-6)

<b>David</b> Executing a divine mission (1 Sam. 21:5) as the Lord's anointed, David ate the consecrated bread normally reserved for the priests (Lev. 24:9).	<b>Jesus (the Son of David and final Anointed One)</b> Allows His disciples to fulfill their physical needs so they might continue their mission of redemption, a work of necessity that is always lawful.
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“The logic of Jesus’ argument therefore implies a covert claim to a personal authority at least as great as that of David.” – R.T. France

- 2. Jesus is the Son of Man (2:27-28)
    - a) The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath, and Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (2:27–28)

## II. Jesus heals on the Sabbath (3:1–6)

- A. Jesus heals a man of a withered hand on the Sabbath in the presence of the Pharisees (3:1-5)
  - 1. Jesus enters the synagogue. A man with a withered hand is present. The Pharisees watch Jesus to see if he will heal on the Sabbath, looking for a reason to accuse him. (3:1-2)
  - 2. Jesus asks the man to stand in front of everyone. He questions the Pharisees: “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” The Pharisees remain silent. Jesus heals the man, restoring his hand. (3:3-5)
- B. Outraged by the act, the Pharisees plot with the Herodians how to kill Jesus (3:6)

“The gospel of Jesus Christ is an offense to both religion and irreligion. It can’t be co-opted by either moralism or relativism.” – Timothy Keller

## III. CONCLUSION/APPLICATION

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*To be used for personal reflection and/or sermon-based small group discussion.*

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### READ Mark 2:23–3:6

Is there anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?

Where is Christ in this passage? How does this passage relate to the person, nature, character or work of Christ? Luke 24:44 says all of Scripture is about Christ. So, how does this passage help you see more of who Christ is, what He has done, or allows you to love Him more?

Why were the Pharisees displeased with Jesus and His disciples this time?

In what ways is Jesus' position similar to that of King David? What claim to authority is Jesus making?

Why does Jesus say that He is "Lord even of the Sabbath"? (2:28)

Can you think of a time when the requirements of your Christian faith appeared to conflict with human need? (2:23-28)

How might you be in danger of following any religious traditions that have become rejections of Jesus' authority? How will you enjoy the "rest" Jesus gives today?

Does your view of Jesus need correcting? Does this episode expose any hypocrisy that you need to repent of? How does this passage help you to delight in Jesus today?

**PRAY**

