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The Sabbath Showdown in the Synagogue

Mark 3:1-6

I. An Innocent Man (v. 1)

- A. This happened on the _____
(Lk. 6:6; Mk. 2:23-28; Ex. 20:8-11; Ezek. 20:10-14, 21 Jer. 17:27;
2 Chron. 36:20-21)
- B. This happened to a man with a _____ hand
(Rom. 3:10-11, 23; Mk. 11:20-21)

II. An Irreverent Accusation (v. 2)

- A. They wanted to watch Jesus _____
(Jn. 2:24-25; Mk. 12:13-17; Matt. 22:15)
- B. They wanted to accuse Jesus _____
(Matt. 12:10; Job 38:1-4; 39:1-3; 40:1-4)

III. An Invigorating Question (vv. 3-4)

- A. Jesus _____ the man (v. 3)
[Lk. 6:8; Mk. 2:28]
- B. Jesus _____ the Jews (v. 4)
[Matt. 12:11-12; Jms. 4:17]

IV. An Incredible Miracle (v. 5)

- A. Jesus was _____ (Eph. 4:26; Jn. 2:13-17; Lk. 13:10-16)
- B. Jesus was _____ (Matt. 23:37-39)
- C. Jesus was _____ (Matt. 12:13)

V. An Iniquitous Response (v. 6)

- A. Their response was _____ (Matt. 12:14)
- B. Their response was _____ (Matt. 12:13; Mk. 8:15)

TAKE HOME

- Are you _____ in a show-down with the Lord Jesus Christ?
- Are you _____ with His ways? Are you an outlaw?
- Are you _____ to be legalistic about anything in your life?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placertachurch.com.

1. Read Mark 2:27-28. What do these two verses mean? How does this set the context for the sermon from Mark 3:1-6?

2. Read Mark 3:1. Was this man actually innocent? Had he done anything to violate the Sabbath? What was the Sabbath? How was it to be practiced? (Jn. 2:24-25; Mk. 12:13-17; Matt. 22:15)

3. Read Mark 3:2. Why were the Pharisees watching Jesus so closely? What was their main goal? Why were they so quick to judge Jesus? (Jn. 2:24-25; Mk. 12:13-17; Matt. 22:15; Matt. 12:10; Job 38:1-4; 39:1-3; 40:1-4)

4. Read Mark 3:3-4. Why was Jesus calling the man? (Lk. 6:8; Mk. 2:28) What was the point Jesus was trying to make with His question? (Matt. 12:11-12; Jms. 4:17) Why had the Jews gotten to this point on how they idolized the Sabbath?

5. Read Mark 3:5. Why was this such an incredible miracle? Why was it more of a big deal since it was performed on the Sabbath? Why did Jesus get angry? Was this okay? (Eph. 4:26; Jn. 2:13-17; Lk. 13:10-16; Matt. 23:37-39; 12:13)

6. Read Mark 3:6. What does this show us about the Jews’ real goal? Why were they so bent on destroying Jesus? (Matt. 12:13-14; Mk. 8:15)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“The Sabbath was never meant to be a fixed and tight bond to crush us and make us feel like slaves during the time it lasted. It was made for our use, to be devoted to the best and highest of purposes. The Pharisees would never have healed anybody on the Sabbath—that, they thought, was dreadfully wicked! But Jesus Christ hallowed the Sabbath by acts of mercy. And now He gives to the Christian a day of rest, not, indeed, such a day of rest as it was to the Jew, but He gives us this that we may perform works of mercy, works of piety and works for necessary uses.”

- C. H. Spurgeon