

Mark 2:23-28

Jesus Is Lord Of The Sabbath

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The Five Controversies

1. Mark 2:1-12 Jesus forgives a paralytic man
2. Mark 2:13-17 Jesus eats with sinners
3. Mark 2:18-22 Jesus' disciples don't fast
4. Mark 2:23-28 Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
5. Mark 3:1-6 Jesus heals on the Sabbath

The Pharisees Misunderstand The Law

Mark 2:23-24 And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads of grain. The Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is **not lawful on the Sabbath?**"

Jesus' Lesser To Greater Argument

Mark 2:25-26 And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, **which is not lawful** for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?"

Jesus' Lesser To Greater Argument

1. David formally violates Leviticus 24:5-9
 2. Jesus does not violate any Law!
- For the sake of argument, let us say I broke the law. David broke a law and it was o.k. because David's survival was more important than that law. I (Jesus) am more important than the Sabbath law.

Matthew's Addition

Matthew 12:5-7 Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? **"But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.** "But if you had known what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent.



God Made The Sabbath For Us!

Mark 2:27-28 Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

- Pharisees' Sabbath rest = following rules
- True Sabbath rest = finding Jesus

What Is Our Sabbath?

Summary (Hebrews 4:4-10)

1. God rested from creation (Gen 2:2; Heb 4:4)
2. Sabbath rest incomplete (Josh 22:4; Heb 4:8)
3. Future Sabbath rest (Heb 4:9; Rev 14:13)

We can have this rest now! (Heb 4:10)

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Hebrews 4:7-10 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "**Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.**" For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

What Is Our Sabbath?

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 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.

Colossians 2:16-17 ...no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; **but the substance belongs to Christ.**

Is God Still Working?

John 5:16-17 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

God

Believers

Rested from: creation

works righteousness

Still working: salvation

righteous works

Avoiding The Heart of A Pharisee

1. Pharisees mishandle the Scriptures because of their hardness of heart:

Matthew 12:7 "But if you had known what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent."

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2. Pharisees falsely bind people to what God had not:

Mark 2:24 The Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

Matthew 23:4 They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.

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3. Pharisees fail to see their need for Christ:

Luke 18:11-13 "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'
