

Mark 3:1-6

Hard Hearts Reject Jesus' Sabbath Rest

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Outline

Initial Phase of Galilean Ministry

Mark 1:14 - John the Baptist is "delivered up."

Mark 3:6 - Jewish leaders plot to kill Jesus.

Later Phase of Galilean Ministry

Mark 3:7- Jesus withdraws with disciples.

Mark 6:13 - Jesus sends the disciples out.

The Pharisees Plot Against Jesus

Mark 3:1-2 He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered. They were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

Do We Neglect The Weightier Matters?

Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: **justice and mercy and faithfulness**; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

Jesus Grieves Over Their Hard Hearts

Mark 3:5-6 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

God Hardened Their Hearts

Romans 9:18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

Romans 11:7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but **those who were chosen obtained it**, and the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:25b ...a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Hard Hearts Deny The Evidence

Miracles Thus Far:

- Mark 1:27 Cast out demons
- Mark 1:31 Healed Peter's mother in law
- Mark 1:34 Healed many in Capernaum
- Mark 1:40 Healed the leper
- Mark 2:11 Healed the paralytic man
- Mark 3:5 Healed man with withered hand

The Risk of Having A Hard Heart

Ephesians 4:17-18 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that **you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk**, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

The Risk of Having A Hard Heart

Hebrews 3:8-11 Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, And saw My works for forty years. "Therefore I was angry with this generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they did not know My ways'; As I swore in My wrath, '**They shall not enter My rest.**' "
