



# **Luke**

**6:1-11**

**Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath**

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# Our Three Questions

**1. What does it say?**

- Authorial intent to intended audience

**2. What does it mean?**

- Timeless theological truth

**3. How does it apply?**

- Landing it in our lives

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and also gave it to those with him?”<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered.

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**<sup>7</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. <sup>8</sup> But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here.”**

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And he rose and stood there. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” <sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.”

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And he did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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**1 Samuel 21:1-6 – David's story**

**Leviticus 24:5-9 – Bread of the Presence**

- **Their interpretation impugns David**
- **They miss the bigger picture (Matt 12:7)**
  - **They fail to see prioritization (Matt 23:23)**

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**“Son of Man” – Most common title**

**“lord of the Sabbath.”**

# Exodus 20:8-11

**<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals,**

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nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

<sup>11</sup> **For** in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. **Therefore** the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

\*Exodus 31:14-17

# Conflict Bookends

5:20b – “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ... 5:24a – “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins ...”

6:5 – “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

## Luke 6:6-7

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# Luke 6:8-9

- He knew their thoughts – 5:22
- “Come and stand here.”
- “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to...
  - Do good or to do harm
  - To save life or to destroy it?”

# Luke 6:10

<sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.”

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Mark 3:5 – And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said ...

# Luke 6:11

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**Matthew 12:14 – <sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.**

# What do we learn & do

Understand the spirit of the Law, when considering tradition

- Mercy not sacrifice
- What are we “jealous” for?
  - Regarding others and yourself

# What do we learn & do

**There is a time to forego peace.**

- \* “Peace” not “compassion”**
- \* Being right is not enough**
- When doing good makes enemies**
- When the gospel is threatened**

# Questions

**Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?**

**In our text, the Lord engaged with the Sabbath and people who were overly legalistic about it. In our study of Scripture, we find that Sabbath is indeed good for us. What is your relationship with rest like? Is this a place where you could grow? What would you like to change, if anything?**

**We also bumped into legalism (at least a form of it). Have you placed any additional boundaries in your own life, that are beyond the bounds of Scripture, but you still find helpful in your walk?**

**Are there places where you think everyone should have a boundary, even though it is not explicitly stated in Scripture? For example, maybe you think that nobody should ever have a drink of alcohol. Talk about that. Why do you feel that way?**

**Do you have any history with this topic, maybe from a community you were in. Talk about that. How did that go?**