

Jesus: Serving, Sovereign Savior
Mark 3:1-6 – Lawful or Awful?

Intro: What did Jesus do when he experienced opposition and was accused of doing what was awful versus lawful? He did good. He also left an example for us to follow.

I. Do Good When _____ – Mark 3:1

Jesus was faithful to assemble with others in the synagogue.

On the _____ it was acceptable to do good.

II. Do Good When _____ – Mark 3:2

Jesus had the _____ necessary to do good against the pressure and the awkwardness of the moment.

Cf. 2 Timothy 1:7 – Fear of doing good is not from _____.

III. Do Good When _____ – Mark 3:3-4 (Micah 6:8)

A. It is always _____ to do good, to save life.

B. It is always _____ or awful to do harm, to kill.

C. Jesus does what He is able to do. He does what is lawful.

IV. Do Good When _____ – Mark 3:5

A. _____ is not a sin, but can lead to sin – Eph. 4:26

B. Jesus was angry and did what was lawful, pleasing His Father.

C. Jesus overcame _____ with good - Romans 12:19-21.

Conclusion: Jesus always did what was good and what was lawful, He never what was awful. He still does! When Jesus saved you from the penalty of your sin and made a difference in your life, he did what was good and lawful—as he did with the man with the withered hand.

When Jesus is working in your life, He does what is both lawful and good. He knows how to take everything, both good and not good (withered), in your life and lawfully and lovingly, by his perfect wisdom, work it together so that good comes both in your life and for your life.

Will you do good by trusting Him to help you?

Small Group Questions

1. Have you experienced opposition for doing the right or “lawful” thing? What happened? What was the result?
2. How does Jesus attending synagogue speak to the importance of being faithful or doing good in the small things? What is the correlation to church attendance (see Hebrews 10:25)?
3. What enabled Jesus to do good when he was in an awkward situation in the synagogue with the Pharisees (See 2 Timothy 1:7)? How does this apply to your life?
4. How did the Pharisees show that they had a “withered heart”?
5. Read Micah 6:8. Why was it lawful for Jesus to do good on the Sabbath? In doing good, whose rules was Jesus violating? How does this apply to your life?
6. Why were the Pharisees unable and unwilling to answer Jesus’ questions?
7. Read Mark 3:5, Ephesians 4:26 and Romans 12:19-21. Is it possible to do good when angry? Explain.
8. How is God calling you to think differently?
9. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?