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What is the Sabbath? (4 Things)

- The Sabbath is a special day instituted by the Lord to remind God's people of a divine time-table, the seven day week. The sabbath provides rest for all who work (including servants, animals, and aliens/strangers).
- The Sabbath is a sign of God's covenant with His people.
- The Sabbath served as a memorial or reminder of God's redemptive work in Egypt.

Worshipping on Sunday is a sign of God's covenant with His people, it follows the pattern of a 7 day week found in creation, and it serves as a reminder of God's redemptive work through Christ.

The Sabbath points us vertically to God and horizontally toward one another.

The Sabbath points us theologically to the truth of who God is and who we are, while at the same time making sure that we have space for rest and that we demonstrate care and concern for one another.

1. The Jewish leaders accused Jesus of breaking the Sabbath by working, and by working they meant healing.
2. The Jewish leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy by saying that He was claiming equality with God.

The single most important application of this passage today is that Jesus came to save sinners.

Additionally we see a few other lessons for us to take home:

Lesson 1: Misunderstanding the Word of God causes us to miss God and what He is doing in our midst.

Lesson 2: Jesus doesn't work according to our rules

Lesson 3: There are two kinds of people who are often involved in the church, but who are actually outside the kingdom of God.

1. Those who want healing and don't know how to find it

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2. Those who love the rules more than the ruler.

Lesson 4: Jesus is the fulfillment of the Sabbath, and the rest your soul needs is found in Him.

Jesus is the solution to the one who has loved the rules more than the ruler.

Jesus is the hope for the one who is desperate for help and has no one else to turn to.

Closing thoughts from this passage:

1. Surrender your life to Jesus and be saved today.
2. Submit your life to Jesus by living according to His Word rather than your rules, the world's ways, or the opinions of others.
3. If you want to live like Jesus, then you have to go where the people with needs are.