

WHAT MADE JESUS MAD?

What Made Jesus Mad? – When Tradition Gets In the Way

Week 4

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Opening Question:

We are entering into the holiday season. What is your favorite Thanksgiving or Christmas tradition?

Discussion:

If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What makes a tradition a tradition? When you think of traditions, do you think of them normally as positive or negative?
2. Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Mark 2:23-28. What is the Sabbath and what was it meant for? Why were the Pharisees so concerned with the Sabbath? What was Jesus' response to the Sabbath?
3. The Sabbath is important and even now we should practice a day of rest. What was the problem with how the Pharisees were observing the Sabbath?
4. Read Mark 3:1-6. What was the motive of the Pharisees concerning Jesus and the Sabbath? (v.2 & v. 6). The Pharisees were trying to see if Jesus would abuse the Sabbath, but in reality it was the Pharisees. How were the Pharisees abusing the Sabbath?
5. Why was Jesus angry? How did the Pharisees take the Sabbath as a blessing from God and turn it into a tradition that angered Jesus?
6. What makes Jesus mad? When tradition becomes more important than people. Jesus asked the Pharisees in verse 4 if it was better "to do good or to do evil, to save a life or to kill?" The Pharisees couldn't answer because their tradition blinded them from ministering to people. In what way is this applicable for the church today? How might Christians be blinded by their tradition and miss interacting with people?

Next Steps:

What mindset adjustment might you have to make so more people can encounter Jesus?

**Next Week: What Made Jesus Mad? - When Judgement Gets in the Way/
When Graceless Religion Gets in the Way**