

Foundation & Fulfillment

A Study of the
Ten Commandments
and the Life of Jesus as seen
in various passages in the Gospel of
Luke.

Lesson 15: Healing Stories/The Sabbath



In Feast or Fallow



MEMORY VERSE

**Come to me all you who
are weary and burdened
and I will give you rest.**

MATTHEW 11:28



JESUS HEALS

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- **31 instances of healing by Jesus are described in the Gospels**
- **Synoptic Gospels describe the same 8 healings of individuals and 2 mass healings**
- **John says that that “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.” John 20:30**

The Gospels report 7 Sabbath healing events by Jesus



Luke records more of the Sabbath controversies than any other Gospel writer.

It's Not About the Healings

It's Not About the Sabbath

It's About Who Jesus Is

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 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 manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.

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 20: 8-11

Importance of Sabbath Keeping

- Exodus 31: Sabbath keeping declared a sign of the Mosaic Covenant, death penalty for violators
- OT prophets warned persistent disregard of Sabbath would lead to expulsion from the land and captivity

Importance of Sabbath Keeping

- During 400 years between testaments, scholars and religious leaders expanded interpretation of the Sabbath
- Israel dominated by foreign powers during this time

**Putting on a
piece of
jewelry?**

**Lighting a
fire?**

What is “Work”?

**Moving a lamp
from one table
to another?**

**Picking up your
child?**

The Pharisees saw the essence of the 4th commandment as “Thou shalt not work”.

Jesus saw the essence of the 4th commandment as “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.”

Take a **closer** look!



At the text



Picking Grain on the Sabbath

Luke 6: 1–5

**Who was accused of
wrongdoing?**

NOT JESUS, BUT HIS DISCIPLES

WHY?

To force Jesus to either agree with the interpretation of the Pharisees, or condone the action of His disciples, thereby challenging the authority of the Jewish religious leaders.

- **Mosaic law didn't forbid picking the grain on the Sabbath**
- **But the Jewish collections of interpretations did**
- **Jesus' response assumes this was "work" and banned under the Sabbath law.**

WHAT DID JESUS' RESPONSE MEAN?

The Sabbath is meant to teach about sanctification, not to cause hardship.

“The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath”

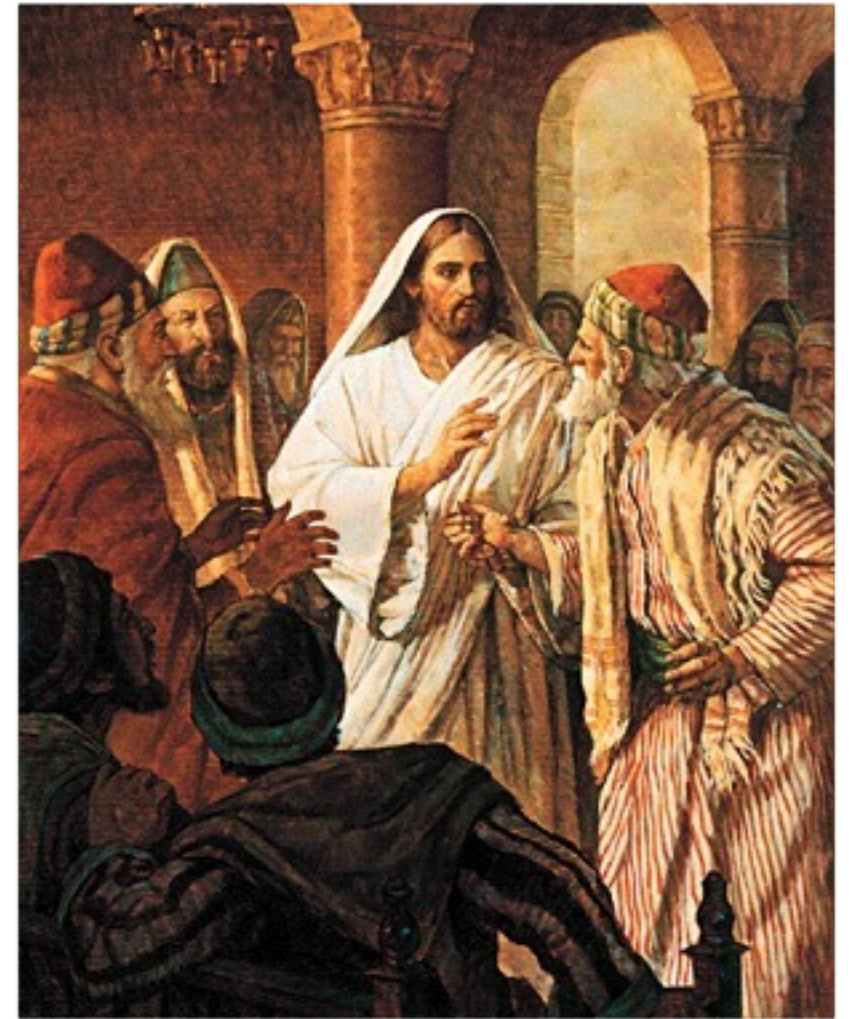
Jesus IS God

**If God established the Sabbath,
then Jesus, as God, has the authority
to interpret what it means**

Healing the Withered Hand

**Pharisees objected
BEFORE Jesus did it**

**Jesus points out the
double standard in
their interpretation**



Luke 6: 6-11

Jesus' Defense of Healing on the Sabbath

- **He is the Son of God
(John 5: 16–17)**
- **He is greater than the temple
(Matt. 12:6)**
- **He is greater than David
(Matt. 12:8, Luke 6:3–5, Mark 2: 28)**

JESUS OFFERS SABBATH REST

Forgiveness of sin

**An end of ceaseless
striving to be holy
under the law of
Moses**

**Being holy through
faith in Jesus**

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

**THE REST OF CEASELESS STRIVING
TO BE HOLY UNDER THE LAW**

BEING HOLY THROUGH FAITH IN HIM



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But they themselves were filled with rage and discussed together what they might do to Jesus. Luke 6: 11



**“EVERY OTHER RELIGION HAS A FOUNDER
THAT SAYS: ‘I’LL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO
GOD.’ ONLY CHRISTIANITY OF ALL THE
MAJOR WORLD RELIGIONS HAS A FOUNDER
THAT SAYS: ‘I’M GOD, COME TO FIND
YOU.’”**

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APPLYING THE LESSON IN YOUR LIFE



When and how did Jesus find you?

What difference does this make in your life?