

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“LORD OF THE SABBATH, PART 2”

MARK 3:1-6

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Main point: Christ uncompromisingly stands for truth and love against tradition and legalism.

1. How do you feel when someone is watching you and hoping that you will make a mistake? What is the normal reaction to entrapment? How does Jesus deal with His situation in Mark 3?
2. Verse 1 tells us a man with a withered hand was in the synagogue. If you only had one hand, what would you not be able to do? Think of dressing, work, etc.
3. Why were the Pharisees there? What was their purpose, their aim, their goal? Did Jesus know their reason? If so, why did He still attend?
4. Why are jealousy, pride, and zeal a deadly combination?
5. What is the irony of Christ's question in verse 4? How did Jesus turn the tables on the Pharisees?
6. How did the Pharisees answer Christ's question? What is Christ's response to their evil?
7. Jesus is grieved by the hardness of their hearts (verse 5). Compare this to the ailment of the man. Which is more serious?
8. Who are the Herodians? Why would the Pharisees join with them against Christ?
9. Is it accurate to equate the “Lord's Day” (Sunday) with the Old Testament Sabbath? Why or why not? Look at Colossians 2:16; Romans 14:5–6; Galatians 4:9–10.
10. Why was the Sabbath instituted? How was it made for man's good and God's glory? How is Jesus your rest (Hebrews 4:9-10)?