

Showdown at the Synagogue
Lesson #13
Mark 3:1-6
8-31-25

I. Jesus taught in the synagogue.

A. The Word of God was presented in the Synagogue.

****Mark 3:1a** *"Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there."*

Luke 6:6 *"On another Sabbath He went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled."*

Matthew 7:28 *"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,"*

Mark 1:22 *"The people were amazed at His teaching, because He taught them as one who had authority, NOT as the teachers of the law."*

Matthew 7:29 *"Because He taught as one who had authority, and NOT as their teachers of the law."*

Luke 19:48 *"Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on His words."*

B. The man who was plagued with a withered hand.

Mark 3:1b *"... and a man with a shriveled hand was there."*

Luke 6:6 *"... a man was there whose right hand was shriveled."*

II. Jesus' enemies tried to trap Him by their question.

A. The Pharisees looked for a reason to accuse Jesus.

****Mark 3:2** *"Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath."*

B. The Pharisees launched their attack at Jesus.

Matthew 12:10 “And a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

III. Jesus turned the table on his enemies by asking them a question.

A. Jesus described the effort of the Pharisees to save their sheep.

Matthew 12:11 “He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out?”

B. Jesus demonstrated the value of this man by healing him.

Matthew 12:12 “How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

Luke 6:8a “But Jesus knew what they were thinking”

****Mark 3:3** “Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

****Mark 3:4** “Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.”

****Mark 3:5** “He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.”

IV. Jesus was the topic of discussion for His enemies.

A. They were furious.

Luke 6:11 “But they were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.”

B. They formed an alliance with the Herodians.

****Mark 3:6** “Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians”

C. They tried to figure out a way to kill Jesus.

****Mark 3:6b** “... how they might kill Jesus.”

John 8:44 “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in Him. When He lies, He speaks His father’s language, for He is a liar and the father of lies.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Be humble and obey God’s Word.

James 1:22 “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

John 14:15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

B. Beware of legalism.

Colossians 2:8 “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.”