

Be like the Bereans, Acts 17:11

Search the Old testament for Jesus.

Sabbath = rest, Jesus is our rest or Sabbath. He came to fulfill the law and teaching that the law cannot save us or make us holy. The Sabbath is not a particular day (Saturday) or location (The Holy Land) Col. 2:16-17 tells us that rest cannot be found in anything but Christ Jesus!

The Pharisees were like the ATF!

V. 1-2) Deut. 23:24-25 made provision for hunger of travelers.

V. 3-4) He is King

David broke the law by eating the consecrated bread and was not condemned (1 Sam, 21:1-6), of course Jesus could break man's traditions and be guiltless.

V. 5-6) He is Priest

Even though it was the Sabbath, according to Num. 28:9-10, priests still had to give sacrifices, i.e. work! and they we're not condemned. Actually, their service was in obedience to the law given by God suggesting that man's traditions about the Sabbath were wrong because they contradicted God's own law!

V. 7-8) He is Prophet

Hosea 6:6 which Jesus quoted in Matt. 9:13, God wants Mercy not religious sacrifice, love not legalism, relationship over ritualism. Basically, He's asking the Pharisees if they even know the word. He's saying I am the King of kings, I Am the High Priest, I Am the Prophet of God, I Am the Anointed One, I Am Messiah! All the Law and the Prophets (the Old Testament) speak of Me!

As Priest he is greater than the temple (Matt 12:6) as Profit he is greater than Jonah (Matt 12:41) and as King he is greater than Solomon (Matt 12:42)

In calling himself Lord of the Sabbath he was equating himself with God because God is the one that established the Sabbath (Gen 2:1-3)

V. 9-14)

Matthew says he went to "their" synagogue not His synagogue. Isn't that interesting?

Isn't it interesting that the religious leaders used a crippled man as a weapon against Jesus? Jesus honors the man's obedience and Faith by healing him. After He heals the man, instead of rejoicing, what did they do? They plotted to kill Jesus.

Not doing good on the Sabbath day or any day for that matter is the same as doing evil. If a farmer can care for his animals on the Sabbath, should we not care more for humans no matter what day it is?

V.15-21)

15-16 again, Jesus honors the faith of those who believed he was the Messiah and healed them but he doesn't draw attention to himself. This caused the Pharisees great jealousy! The woman with the 2 "pennies"

17-19 refers to (Isiah 42:1-4)

Matthew does take some liberties with his passage from Isaiah. Did you notice the gentiles were mentioned twice in this section? Matthew was dropping a hint that Israel was going to reject their King and that the gentiles would accept the news and usher in the time of the gentiles.

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Reeds are only good for one thing, musical instruments. Flax in the same way was only good for one thing, making wicks for lanterns. But even if you feel bruised, beat down, tired or otherwise useless, Jesus will use you for His plan and His purpose, you have more value to Him than you realize