

Luke 6:1-5 (Matt 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28)

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

6 Now it happened on the second Sabbath after the first that He went through the grain fields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate *them*, rubbing *them* in *their* hands. ² And some of the Pharisees said to them, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?”

1. They were not stealing – Deut 25:23 Gleaning is not stealing
2. What is work?
 - a. According to Jewish commentary (Talmud) of the Sabbath law they had worked on the Sabbath.
3. What is the Sabbath? What is it for? Who is it for? Should we observe it?

WHAT IS THE SABBATH?

- a. **Genesis 2:1-3** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
 - b. **Exodus 20:10 (4th commandment)** but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.
 - c. **Exodus 31:13** “Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.’”
 - d. **Exodus 24:7-9** Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient.” ⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.”
4. WHAT IS IT FOR?
- Remembering God’s finished work.
 - Resting in what God did knowing you can do nothing to make it better.
 - A sign of sanctification for those who believe in the One True God.
 - It point forward to a coming time in the Messiah of spiritual rest and sanctification

Jeremiah 31:31- A New Covenant “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

³ But Jesus answering them said, “Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴ how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?”

Principal of “Service To the Lord”

Matt 12:5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

The Disciples were in service to the Lord Jesus there for blameless as well.

1. Human need is more important than religious ritual. [David Guzik] (Matt 12 same account)
2. What God really wants is mercy before sacrifice (Hosea 6:6)
3. That the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart; these, O God, You will not despise (Psalm 51:17).

⁵ And He said to them, “The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

1. Jesus’s work on the Cross is a fulfillment of the Sabbath (Look at the similarities)
2. **John 5:39** You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
3. **John 19:30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.
4. **Matthew 11:29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

SIGNS OF THE NEW COVENANT

BAPTISM

1. **Colossians 2:11-12**

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

COMMUNION / THE LORDS SUPER

2. **1 Corinthians 11:24-25** and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath! JESUS "IS" OUR SABBATH REST!

Objection #1 (we can't do away with the law!)

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Objection #2 (Since the law is done away with, we can murder and steal now right!)

John 15:10-12 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

1 John 3:23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

If you love someone you won't steal from them or murder them. (The whole law is summed up this way)

REVIEW

- Remembering God's finished work. (Jesus is our rest)
- Resting in what God did knowing you can do nothing to make it better. (Grace)
- (Baptism) A sign of sanctification for those who believe in the One True God.
- Communion points back to Christ and his finished work of the New Covenant