



MAKE APPLICATION: HOW HAVE I OBEYED WHAT I LEARNED?

REVIEW THE TEXT: WHERE DID WE LEARN?

Matthew 12:1-8

REVIEW THE SERMON: WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Context

From the start, Matthew has been arguing that Jesus is the Christ, King and Lord of all. The Pharisees heard this message and consistently opposed Jesus as the Christ. Chapter 12 continues their opposition into Sabbath controversies. Like all humans, the Pharisees desperately tried to set aside God’s righteous requirements by their own means. Jesus is the Lord of the Law.

Main Points

Jesus is the Lord of the law, and only He can fulfill it

- 1. The accusation from the Pharisees
- 2. The answer from Jesus

Interpretative Points

At that time

The time that Jesus was teaching in ch. 11.

Sabbath

Not Sunday, but Saturday. The Jewish Sabbath, as commanded in the Law.

Lawful

Lawful as determined by the *Talmud*, the Jewish interpretation of the Law, not the actual Mosaic Law.

✚ The Church: How do religious people oppose Jesus today? How can moralistic living actually contradict the teachings of Christ?

✚ Salvation: Whose righteousness are you trusting for salvation? How do you know?

✚ Works: Are you doing good works to make God happy with you, expecting performance to earn His favor? Is that possible? Is that Christian?

✚ Legalism: How are you combating the inroads of legalism? What tendencies have you seen in yourself to boast and trust in your performance?
