

“The **Rejection** of Christ”

Matthew 12:1-14

Scripture reading: Matthew 12:1-14 “At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. ² But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. ³ But he said unto them, **Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;** ⁴ **How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?** ⁵ **Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?** ⁶ **But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.** ⁷ **But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.** ⁸ **For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.** ⁹ And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: ¹⁰ And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. ¹¹ And he said unto them, **What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out?** ¹² **How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.** ¹³ Then saith he to the man, **Stretch forth thine hand.** And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. ¹⁴ Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.”

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1. The Jewish **Restrictions** Concerning the Sabbath (vs 1a)

Genesis 2:3 “And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had **rested** from all his work which God created and made.”

2. The Pharisee’s **Accusation** Against Christ (Vs 1b-2)

Deuteronomy 23:24-25 “When thou comest into thy neighbor’s vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel. ²⁵ When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbor, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor’s standing corn.”

3. Christ’s **Teaching** on the Observance of the Sabbath (Vs 3-8)

a. Deeds of **Necessity** Trump Sabbath Law (Vs 3-4)

1 Samuel 21:1-6 “Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? ² And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place. ³ Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. ⁴ And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. ⁵ And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth

women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel. ⁶ So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.”

b. Deeds of **Service** to God Trump Sabbath Law (Vs 5-6)

c. Deeds of **Mercy** Trump Sabbath Law (Vs 7-8)

Hosea 6:6 “For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

4. Christ’s **Application** of His Teaching (Vs 9-13)

5. The Pharisee’s Destructive **Plot** to Destroy Christ (Vs 14)

John 3:19-20 “**And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov’d.**”

6. Our **Application**