



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 34: Who Makes the Call?: Matthew 12:1-12; Mark 3:4-6; Luke 6:8

I. Matthew 12:1-8

A. Biblical ethics: When do I make the call?

B. The “3 Badges” of the 1st Century Jew:

1. Circumcision
2. Dietary issues
3. Sabbath

C. Jesus’ answers to the Pharisees on the Sabbath from Scripture:

1. v.3 - David and the priests at Nob (1st Samuel 21:1-6)
2. v.5 - Priestly duties on the Sabbath - Does this sound like work? Numbers 28:9-10

II. Matthew 12:9-14/Luke 6:8/Mark 3:4-6

9 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. 10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” - so that they might accuse him. 11 He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” (Matthew)

8 But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” And he rose and stood there. (Luke)

4 And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. 5 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. (Mark)

A. Mark 3:5 – Jesus’ anger and grief

1. Jesus asked a question in v.4 then He “looked around” for an answer - Crickets...

2. Jesus' reaction?

- a. Anger - most often translated "wrath" like in Romans 1:18 - a noun
 - b. Grieved at them - only time this word is in the New Testament: "with sorrow" - verb
- They had a shot of doing right

3. v.6 – "...counsel with the Herodians"

B. New Covenant "badge" changes

1. Circumcision - Acts 15 - Paul
2. Dietary issues - Acts 10 - Peter
3. Sabbath - Paul - Colossians 2:16-17

C. There are several "New Testament clarifications" such as these badges - There are others that don't get "an update": Lying, Adultery, Homosexuality, Murder, etc.

III. What about the "Yeah-buts"?

A. David and Priests at Nob – 1st Samuel 21:1-6

B. Corrie ten-Boom and The Hiding Place

C. Brother Andrew – "God's Smuggler"

IV. My Take Aways

- We have two sources of help on our "yeah-buts":
- The Holy Spirit
 - Scripture
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- Is Jesus angry and grieved when I don't get it?

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?
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