

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – (AM insert)

## “Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath”

Luke 6:1-11

**Read Luke 6:1-5...** The Pharisees are accusing Jesus of breaking the law.

The ten commands given to Moses in **Exodus 20:1-17**. Eight are **NOT TO DO Something**: **1.** Don't have other Gods. **2.** Don't serve idols. **3.** Don't misuse God's name. **6.** Don't commit murder. **7.** Don't commit adultery. **8.** Don't steal. **9.** Don't lie. **10.** Don't covet. One is **TO DO Something**: **5.** Honor your parents. One is purely ceremonial: **4.** Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy

Sabbath observance was given to Israel; it is never commanded of Christians.

Jesus' disciples were hungry on a Sabbath, they picked grain to eat.

**Matthew 12:5**, “Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?”

Sacrifices offered at the Temple were symbols of the debt owed to God for sin; Sabbath observance was a time to pause and reflect on what God had done.

To the Jews, the Temple was second only to God Himself. Jesus tells them (**Matthew 12:6**), “That *something* greater than the temple is here,” He is God.

**Matthew 5:17-18**, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

**See Matthew 12: 7-8, 11-13...** Deeds of mercy were permitted on the Sabbath (**Mark 2:27-28**), “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

**Read Luke 6:6-11...** The earliest Christians worshiped on Sunday in honor and celebration of the Lord's victory over sin, death and judgment.

The New Testament does not require Sabbath observance, ritualistic worship or work based religion; Jesus made it clear that religious acts don't please God.

**Matthew 5:20**, “I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” ]**Colossians 2:8**, “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.” **16-17**, “Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.” **Romans 14:5-6**, “One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.”

The Ten Commandments (the Law) were written on stone; our relationship with God is through Grace, written upon our hearts by the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 2:8-9**), “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” The Pharisees trusted in their own traditions and their own works, rather than God's Son Jesus Who came to save us.

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**Matthew 7:13-14**, “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

**Luke 13:23-24**, “And someone said to Him, ‘Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?’ And He said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.’”

**John 10:9**, “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved,” (**John 14:6**), “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. **Hebrews 9:27-28**, “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without *reference to sin*, to those who eagerly await Him.” **Hebrews 10:10**, “We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all,” **12**, “He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,” **14**, “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.” **16-18**, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, and on their mind I will write them.’ He then says, ‘And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.’ Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.”

Jesus Christ took our punishment, paying the full and final price for our sins.

**John 11:25-26**, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

**John 14:1-3**, “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.”

**Revelation 1:8**, “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’” **17-18**, “I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.”

And what should be our response to this glorious and sovereign truth?

**Revelation 4:11**, “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created,”

**5:12-13**, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.’”

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