

Sermon Notes – September 28, 2014

“Doing Good and Saving Lives”

Mark 2:23-3:6

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What seems to be important about the Sabbath to the Pharisees?
To Jesus?

- To the extent that Sunday is the Christian parallel to the Jewish Sabbath, are you more inclined to be too strict or too loose in setting it apart as a special day to remember and celebrate what God has done?

The Pharisees were less amazed that Jesus could miraculously heal the man than they were concerned that in doing so he might break one of their rules about the Sabbath.

- Can you think of a time when you missed something amazingly good because it happened in a way that you didn't think it should?

Why was Jesus angry and “deeply distressed”? What do you notice in the church – and in yourself! – that might be parallels to what Jesus found upsetting here?

In this passage Jesus teaches about the purpose of the Jewish Sabbath, compares what he and his disciples are doing with what David and his friends had done long ago, refers to himself as the “Son of Man” from Daniel chapter 7; and actually heals a man's hand by his command. What does all this imply about Jesus' identity?

- Why do you think many people who profess to believe that Jesus is who passages like these suggest, choose not to orient their lives around him – a position that would seem to lack integrity?