

WHO IS THIS MAN?

## **LORD OF THE SABBATH**

Mark 2:23-3:6      Jeff Schreve

*And He was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28*

**What's the deal with Jesus, the Pharisees, and the Sabbath?**

**1. The Sabbath was the crown jewel of the legalistic system.**

- A. The Sabbath rest was designed to be a great blessing.
- B. The Sabbath rest was turned into an oppressive burden.
- C. The Sabbath laws were not to be violated.  
*For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. John 5:18*

**2. Jesus went out of His way to break their Sabbath rules.**

- A. He confronted them on the ridiculousness of their rules.  
*"Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath, and are innocent?" Matthew 12:5*
- B. He confronted them with the fact that He was and is God.
- C. He confronted the evils of their legalism and hypocrisy.
  - 1. Legalism is rooted in pride.  
*There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes .... Proverbs 6:16-17*
  - 2. Legalism doesn't care about God or people.

*And He said to them, "What man shall there be among you, who shall have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it, and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."*

*Matthew 12:11-12*

**3. Legalism angers and grieves the Lord.**

*And He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent. And after looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. Mark 3:4-5*

**4. Legalism will go to great lengths to protect its turf.**

*And the Pharisees went out and immediately began taking counsel with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. Mark 3:6*

**As you look within, are you following rules or following Jesus?**