

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 21: MATTHEW 12:1-14

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NOT PEACE, BUT A SWORD

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TONIGHT: MATT. 12: LORD OF THE SABBATH

NOVEMBER 2: CHRISTIANS AND POLITICAL ACTION

AT THAT TIME JESUS WENT THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS ON THE SABBATH. HIS DISCIPLES WERE HUNGRY AND BEGAN TO PICK SOME HEADS OF GRAIN AND EAT THEM. WHEN THE PHARISEES SAW THIS, THEY SAID TO HIM, "LOOK! YOUR DISCIPLES ARE DOING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL ON THE SABBATH." HE ANSWERED, "HAVEN'T YOU READ WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY? HE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND HE AND HIS COMPANIONS ATE THE CONSECRATED BREAD WHICH WAS NOT LAWFUL FOR THEM TO DO, BUT ONLY FOR THE PRIESTS. OR HAVEN'T YOU READ IN THE LAW THAT ON THE SABBATH THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE DESECRATE THE DAY AND YET ARE INNOCENT? I TELL YOU THAT ONE GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE IS HERE. IF YOU HAD KNOWN WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN, 'I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE,' YOU WOULD NOT HAVE CONDEMNED THE INNOCENT. FOR THE SON OF MAN IS LORD OF THE SABBATH."

GOING ON FROM THAT PLACE, HE WENT INTO THEIR SYNAGOGUE, AND A MAN WITH A SHRIVELED HAND WAS THERE. LOOKING FOR A REASON TO ACCUSE JESUS, THEY ASKED HIM, "IS IT LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH?" HE SAID TO THEM, "IF ANY OF YOU HAS A SHEEP AND IT FALLS INTO A PIT ON THE SABBATH, WILL YOU NOT TAKE HOLD OF IT AND LIFT IT OUT? HOW MUCH MORE VALUABLE IS A MAN THAN A SHEEP! THEREFORE IT IS LAWFUL TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATH." THEN HE SAID TO THE MAN, "STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND." SO HE STRETCHED IT OUT AND IT WAS COMPLETELY RESTORED, JUST AS SOUND AS THE OTHER. BUT THE PHARISEES WENT OUT AND PLOTTED HOW THEY MIGHT KILL JESUS.

Exodus 20:8-11

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY BY KEEPING IT HOLY. SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR AND DO ALL YOUR WORK, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS A SABBATH TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. ON IT YOU SHALL NOT DO ANY WORK, NEITHER YOU, NOR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER, NOR YOUR MANSERVANT OR MAIDSERVANT, NOR YOUR ANIMALS, NOR THE ALIEN WITHIN YOUR GATES. FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, BUT HE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY. THEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND MADE IT HOLY.

Exodus 31:12-17

THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "SAY TO THE ISRAELITES, 'YOU MUST **OBSERVE MY SABBATHS. THIS WILL BE A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU** FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME, SO YOU MAY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD, WHO MAKES YOU HOLY. "'OBSERVE THE SABBATH, BECAUSE IT IS HOLY TO YOU. ANYONE WHO DESECRATES IT MUST BE PUT TO DEATH. WHOEVER DOES ANY WORK ON THAT DAY MUST BE CUT OFF FROM HIS PEOPLE. FOR SIX DAYS, WORK IS TO BE DONE, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS A SABBATH OF REST, HOLY TO THE LORD. WHOEVER DOES ANY WORK ON THE SABBATH DAY MUST BE PUT TO DEATH. THE ISRAELITES ARE TO **OBSERVE THE SABBATH, CELEBRATING IT FOR THE GENERATIONS TO** COME AS A LASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND THE ISRAELITES FOREVER, FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY HE ABSTAINED FROM WORK AND RESTED.¹"

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-17

"OBSERVE THE SABBATH DAY BY KEEPING IT HOLY, AS THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU. SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR AND DO ALL YOUR WORK, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS A SABBATH TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. ON IT YOU SHALL NOT DO ANY WORK, NEITHER YOU, NOR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER, NOR YOUR MANSERVANT OR MAIDSERVANT, NOR YOUR OX, YOUR DONKEY OR ANY OF YOUR ANIMALS, NOR THE ALIEN WITHIN YOUR GATES, SO THAT YOUR MANSERVANT AND MAIDSERVANT MAY REST, AS YOU DO. REMEMBER THAT YOU WERE SLAVES IN EGYPT AND THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THERE WITH A MIGHTY HAND AND AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM. THEREFORE THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH DAY.

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1 SAMUEL 21:1-6

DAVID WENT TO NOB, TO AHIMELECH THE PRIEST. AHIMELECH TREMBLED WHEN HE MET HIM, AND ASKED, "WHY ARE YOU ALONE? WHY IS NO ONE WITH YOU?" DAVID ANSWERED AHIMELECH THE PRIEST, "THE KING CHARGED ME WITH A CERTAIN MATTER AND SAID TO ME, 'NO ONE IS TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR MISSION AND YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. AS FOR MY MEN, I HAVE TOLD THEM TO MEET ME AT A CERTAIN PLACE. NOW THEN, WHAT DO YOU HAVE ON HAND? GIVE ME FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD, OR WHATEVER YOU CAN FIND." BUT THE PRIEST ANSWERED DAVID, "I DON'T HAVE ANY ORDINARY BREAD ON HAND; HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME CONSECRATED BREAD HERE PROVIDED THE MEN HAVE KEPT THEMSELVES FROM WOMEN." DAVID REPLIED, "INDEED WOMEN HAVE BEEN KEPT FROM US, AS USUAL WHENEVER I SET OUT. THE MEN'S THINGS ARE HOLY EVEN ON MISSIONS THAT ARE NOT HOLY. HOW MUCH MORE SO TODAY!" SO THE PRIEST GAVE HIM THE CONSECRATED BREAD, SINCE THERE WAS NO BREAD THERE EXCEPT THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE THAT HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM BEFORE THE LORD AND REPLACED BY HOT BREAD ON THE DAY IT WAS TAKEN AWAY.

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<u>Romans 14:5-8</u>

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. FOR NONE OF US LIVES TO HIMSELF ALONE AND NONE OF US DIES TO HIMSELF ALONE. IF WE LIVE, WE LIVE TO THE LORD; AND IF WE DIE, WE DIE TO THE LORD. SO, WHETHER WE LIVE OR DIE, WE BELONG TO THE LORD.

<u>COLOSSIANS 2:16-17</u>

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.

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