



**"Showing Compassion even on the Sabbath!"**

### Luke 14:1-6

\*\*I thank God that we now live under the New Covenant by the precious Blood of Christ!  
\*\*The reason that the Law was given was because Jesus had not come yet and died/rose again!  
\*\*The 10 Commandments alone stand in eternal stone forever!  
\*\*Jesus taught on every one of the 10 Commandments in the New Testament! But, then He wraps the entire Law up in just TWO!

- **Galatians 3:23-25**
- **Notice** – "**BEFORE** the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed **UNDER GUARD** by the Law."
- **Notice** – "The Law was *our guardian* **UNTIL** Christ came."
- **Notice** – "We no longer need the Law **as our guardian**."
- **Why? Jesus fulfilled it all!** All of the Old Testament ceremonies, rituals and rules were all taken care of when Jesus Christ died and rose again! **He is our High Priest!**
- So, we do not throw out the Old Testament! The Old Covenant is beautifully threaded into the New Covenant...**all through Jesus!** Jesus took care of it all and in Him!
- Jesus was risen on the **FIRST day of the week!** We celebrate this by **meeting on the FIRST day of the week together!** **Today...you are here!**
- You see in **Acts 20:7** that they met on the **FIRST day of the week** to take Communion together and worship together.
- You see that on the **FIRST day of the week** that Paul instructed **each of them** to set aside money to give on the **FIRST day of the week** in **1 Corinthians 16:2**.
- **Hebrews 10:24-25** tells us to make sure that **we meet together** as the church body!
- **I'm just glad that we get to meet together and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

### **1. The Sabbath!**

- This was the **day** set aside to observe God fully! A **day** of no distractions!
- The Pharisees were very hypocritical with their rules! They always said they did everything right yet lived the opposite!
- **Luke 14:1**
- It is amazing that Luke points out more than anyone else that **Jesus LOVED to heal people on the Sabbath!** This infuriated the religious stuck ups!

- Jesus used the Sabbath as a day to show compassion and mercy to so many!
- The Pharisees hated Jesus and the way that He did what He did!
- **Luke 14:1** – “they were watching Him (Jesus) closely!”
- The Pharisees had less than honorable motives to inviting Jesus to a meal! They wanted to trap Him and get Him arrested and die! To get rid of Him and His way!

## 2. And behold!

- **Luke 14:2**
- Luke says **“And behold...”** / what He was is saying **“WATCH THIS!”**
- Luke is sharing that something spectacular is about to happen by Jesus!
- **Luke 14:2** – “there was a man with dropsy.” **Dropsy** = a medical condition where fluid is retained in the tissues and cavities of the body because of kidney and liver failure.
- **Luke 14:3** – “And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees saying “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”
- We do not have any record of them saying anything, they were possibly thinking evil thoughts in their hearts once again and Jesus knew it! **Matthew 12:25 / Luke 5:22**
- They actually accused Jesus of working with Satan’s power at times!
- So...Jesus spoke **Luke 14:4** – “But they remained silent!”
- **The Lawyers!** **Luke 14:3** – “Is it lawful...” / Jesus has repeatedly defended Sabbath healings, and His arguments consistently silenced His critics (**Luke 6:9-10 & 13:14-17**)
- Jesus questioned the lawyers here **BEFORE** He does the healing! He set them up perfectly to expose their merciless way of religion! Jesus was and is merciful!
- **Luke 14:4** – “Then He took him and healed him and sent him away.”
- What a beautiful act of compassion and mercy on any given day of the week!

## Closing: A son or an Ox!

- **Luke 14:5**
- **Luke 13:15 / Matthew 12:11-12**
- It is common sense that compassion and humanitarianism be shown to take care of what God has created and provided that he gives to us! (Humans or animals!)
- **Not caring for people or animals is cruel...100% a sin!**
- **Proverbs 12:10 / Proverbs 27:23** A righteous man cares for his animals while a wicked person doesn’t even care for people!
- The Pharisees would rescue their son, donkey or Ox on the Sabbath, but hated the fact that Jesus **HEALED a MAN on the Sabbath!** That’s sick and wicked!
- To not show true mercy to a person that is sick or dying is 100% hypocritical! Jesus calls them out!
- Luke shows miracle after miracle as **EVIDENCE** for the Pharisee’s to believe and they refuse time and time again! **Why? Their arrogant heart, title and position!**
- **\*\*Though Sabbath issues are no longer with us...showing compassion is!\*\***
- **Verse 6** – “And they could not reply to these things.”

Communion today as we celebrate and remember the New Covenant of Jesus for us!