

Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon headings

Jesus speaks with divine authority

Jesus acts with divine compassion

Read Mark 2:23-28

1. How does Deuteronomy 23:25 reflect God's gracious provision for those who are hungry and in need?
2. What do the Pharisees think the disciples have done wrong?
3. How does the incident in 1 Samuel 21:1-6 show that the Pharisees are being overly strict? (Although Ahimelek was priest, this incident belongs to a broader period of history that the Jews associated with his son, Abiathar, who succeeded him.)
 - ➡ What further claim might Jesus be making by drawing a parallel between himself and David?
4. Daniel 7:13-14 may be behind the title 'Son of Man'. If so, what is Jesus claiming by using that title?
5. What authority is Jesus claiming by calling himself 'the Lord of the Sabbath'?

Read Mark 3:1-6

6. Jesus' question reveals God's intention for the Sabbath. What is this?
 - ➡ Why will the Pharisees not answer the question, do you think?
7. How does this healing illustrate the good news that 'the kingdom of God has come near' (Mark 1:15)?
8. How are the coming of the Kingdom and the enjoyment of Sabbath rest related to each other?
9. What claim is Jesus making by healing this man on the Sabbath?
10. In what ways should these two incidents cause us to delight in Jesus?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray about the things you have discussed.