

Mark 2v23 – 3v6

There are two different events in our passage today. What is the one thing that links them ?

Answer : The _____

But really the passage is more about the conflict between Jesus and the P_____

In some ways this group were very keen to obey God's word and were enthusiastic about what they believed. But something had gone badly wrong. What is the description Jesus uses repeatedly in Matthew 23 (see verses 13,14,15,23,25 etc) ? _____ What was it that they did ?

The Hard Heart of the Pharisees

1. Added to God's Law

Who was the first example of adding to God's law in Genesis 3v3 _____

The Pharisees added to God's law about the Sabbath (among other things). They decided how far you could _____ (*klaw* – unjumble). They also said that reaping grain would be regarded as work and therefore unlawful. So what would they think of the disciples in 2v23 ?

Answer _____

We should be careful never to add to God's word, the Bible.



2. Gained a new authority

If I add to God's laws, who am I trying to be ? _____

Look at 2v24. They said plucking grain heads was against the law. But who made that rule ?

They did. But who is it that alone has the authority to judge about the Sabbath day ? _____

The Son of Man (Jesus) is also _____ of the _____

3. Implied Salvation by Tickbox

If the Pharisees were keen on the Jews obeying a set of rules and regulations it almost implies that a right relationship with God can be had by our own efforts. That was wrong.

Galatians 3v24 The law was our _____ (teacher) to bring us to _____

In other words, the law shows us that we can't keep the law and then we realise that we need Jesus to be right with God.

4. The Smokescreen Effect

The Pharisees had such a nit-picking attitude. They criticised the disciples for eating grain when they were hungry, but look what they did (also on the Sabbath day) in 3v6.

They plotted to _____ Jesus.

The Pharisees went about about checking that the people were obeying even the smallest of their rules. But these were often things that were very visible. Our heart attitudes can't easily be seen – and the Pharisees had hearts that were rotting. Look at Matthew 23v23.

What big things did they neglect ?

j_____ and m_____ and f_____

The Godly Heart of Jesus

Jesus was the only man in the synagogue who was concerned about the disabled man in Chapter 3.



The miracle was not a fake – the Pharisees 3v2 watched Him _____

It was a perfect miracle too – the man's hand was completely restored. But Jesus knew they would plot to kill Him. Hearing about Jesus will always drive you closer to Him or further away from Him. What will it do to you today ?