

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"Lord of the Sabbath"**  
**Matthew 12:1-14**  
**Part-60**

Matthew 11-13 The Rejection of the King:

Matthew 11:1-6 John the Baptist: (Undecided)  
Matthew 11:16-19 His generation: (Unresponsive)  
Matthew 11:20-30 The Galilean cities: (Unrepentant)

Matthew 12:1-14 The Pharisees: (Unreasonable)

The 4<sup>TH</sup> Commandment: Ex 20:10

Exodus 34:21

We will look at 2 encounters:

- 1. Verses - 1-8 Conflict In The Field:**
- 2. Verses - 9-14 Conflict In The Synagogue:**

**1. Verses - 1-8 Conflict In The Field:**

Matthew 11:28-30

Mark 2:18-3:6; Luke 6:1-11

There are 3 basic views of the Sabbath.

1. Belief that Christians should worship on Saturday.
2. Sunday is the NT equivalent of the O.T. Sabbath day.
3. The belief that the Sabbath has been abolished by the death, resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ, and that a new day has been given to the church called "The Lords Day."

Deuteronomy 23:25

Matthew 12:2

Pharisees – “To separate, or separate ones”

Deuteronomy 23:24-25

Talmudic rabbis developed a list of 39 categories of work that a Jew should not do on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:3

Jesus sees no violation. He presents 3 arguments from Scripture:

1. Verses – 3-4 What David Did:

1 Samuel 21:1-6

Matthew 12:4

Leviticus 24:4-9

Mark 2:27

David’s teaches us: “The meeting of human need has priority over mere ritual observance.”

2. Verses – 5-6 What The Priest Did:

Numbers 28:9-10

2 Corinthians 3:6

The Priests teach us: “Worship of God takes precedence over traditional Sabbath rules”

Matthew 12:6

### 3. Verse – 7 What The Prophets Said:

Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8

The Prophets teach us: "Mercy (Love in action) is more important than ritual, any ritual which neglects mercy and kindness is not acceptable."

Matthew 9:13

Matthew 12:8

Jesus teaches us: "He Himself has authority over the Sabbath and if He says this is okay, then it is indeed okay."

"Sabbath is a gift from God." Mark 2:27

Exodus 35

1. God Knows our physical bodies need rest:
2. Life is more than work:
3. A day to reflect, build relationships: God and others.

### **2. Verses – 9-14 Conflict In The Synagogue:**

Matthew 12:9-10

Withered - Literally "Having been dried up!"

Luke 6:6 right hand was withered.

Luke 6:7 watching – means "to spy on, to watch out of the corner of one's eye."

Matthew 12:11-12

There are two extremes in view of the Sabbath.

1. Sabbatarians -

2. Antinomians -

Matthew 12:13-14

**Application:**

1. Is law or Love More Important?
2. Are We Majoring on the Majors?
3. God Is Not a System:
4. Look To The Whole, Not Just The Parts: