

## If Jesus Facebooked: is healing people on the Sabbath :)

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Mark 2:23-3:6

Intro:

Camp Interview with Chris Taylor

- 1) How was camp?
- 2) You shared your testimony at camp, that you never experienced anything like this when you were growing up...what would you say to a student, parent or adult who would like to come to camp as a camper or like what you did as a faculty member?

- Camp was great!

- Went "viral" during camp, doesn't mean I got sick, but I did keep up with both twitter and facebook during this time, thinking it would be fun and the stories and happenings of camp would be rich to share...I did not count on the "crazy mom" syndrome.

- I sent a picture of some of our campers from my cell-phone, this is called a "twitpic" because it goes to my Twitter account, then links to my facebook account. And I said something like: Its awesome to have all these WRCC kids down at Camp Allendale!

- To which I received replies, "WHERE's the picture of my kid!!!"

- uh, oh...I'm just glad that my firstborn was not home at this time.

- We are in this series: If Jesus Facebooked...looking at some of the social encounters that Jesus had during his time of ministry. Today if we were to update Jesus' status in light of the passage we would put: Jesus is healing people on the Sabbath :)

- If Jesus is teaching about the Law, it is best to listen to what he has to say!

**Mark 2:23-28** (read whole thing)

vs. 23-24 - Pharisees had a list from the Rabbinic teachings on the Sabbath of things you could and could not do on the sabbath...this list was their interpretation of the sabbath. The idea of not harvesting on the sabbath was to prevent you from becoming greedy, overworking yourself and your workers.

- One of the things you were not suppose to do is heal on the Sabbath

vs. 25-26 - Once again, Jesus compares himself to someone and something that (I

don't want to read too much into this), he compares himself to David when in 1 Samuel 21:1-6

- Jesus has already in Mark 2 gotten himself into hot water with the Pharisees
  - forgiven sins (only God)
  - refers to himself as a healer (God)
  - compares himself to the Bridegroom (God)
- Now, he's compared himself to David, who broke the law so that he and his men could eat!

vs. 27-28 - The Sabbath was for mankind, that man would set aside time to rest. More than that though, The Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!

- Jesus heals 7 times on the Sabbath to prove this point
- The Sabbath was a reminder to God's people that He would give them rest, we would enter His eternal rest!
- **Hebrews 4:1-11**

**Mark 3:1-6** (read whole thing)

- Jesus is saying that you should do good on the Sabbath
- Shows his authority over the Sabbath!
- During the Sabbath you were suppose to keep inside and hardly do anything all day...but, there were some things that were good that you could do...not evil!
- Any time a Jewish person did evil, committed a sin, the law required him to offer sacrifices, do whatever it took to become ceremonially clean!
- I don't know this for sure, but maybe God kept them in their houses, to give them rest from themselves...their sin. The law and the requirements of the the law were demanding, difficult and we are told over and over again IMPOSSIBLE to keep! So part of the day of REST may have been to keep them from sinning and clean so they would not wear themselves out with the requirements!
- Even the Sabbath points to Jesus, that's why he is the Lord over the Sabbath, of our rest.
  - **Matthew 11:28-30**
- Jesus is our Sabbath...He is our REST!

Questions and Answers about the Sabbath:

When is it?

- The Sabbath is from Friday at Sunset to Saturday at Sunset
- Saturday

Are we required to keep the Sabbath as Christians?

- Romans 7:6-7

- Colossians 2:16-17

We are not required to keep the Sabbath, because of Jesus' grace, his sacrifice (we read this in Hebrews 4!), we have entered his rest.

However, being good stewards over our own lives, over our families and certainly over our walk with God, we can see how setting aside a time to rest, to worship and to be with family is very healthy and very beneficial.

The benefits of a day of rest:

- 1) to be refreshed spiritually
- 2) to be refreshed physically
- 3) to keep from becoming greedy
- 4) to keep from overworking their labor