

I. THE STORY (Mt.12:1-8; Mk.2:23-28; Lk.6:1-5)

A. AT THAT TIME (12:1,8; see 11:28-30)

B THROUGH THE GRAINFIELDS (Mt.12:1; see Mk.2:23)

C. PLUCK, RUB, EAT (Mt.12:1; see Lk.6:1)

D. DISCIPLES, NOT JESUS: AUTHORITY vs. BEHAVIOR (Mt.12:2; see Mk.2:23,24)

E. UNLAWFUL DURING SABBATH (Mt.12:2; see 20:15; 27:6; see Ex.20:9f; 34:21; see Dt.23:25)

F. YOU KNOW BETTER (Mt.12:3,5,7)

1. David ate the priests' bread (Mt.12:3,4; see 1Sam.21:1f; Lev.24:9)

2. Priests profane the Sabbath (Mt.12:5; see Num.28:9,10)

3. Necessity trumps ceremony (Mt.12:4,5; see 7; 9:9f,13; Hos6:6; Ps40:7; 51:19; 1S.15:22 /Lk10:30f,33)

G. CONDEMNING THE INNOCENT (Mt.12:5,7; see Is.5:20; Ezk.13:19)

H. GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE (Mt.12:5,6; see 41,42; 23:16f)

I. THE SABBATH MADE FOR MAN (Mk.2:27; see Gen.2:2,3; Ex.20:9; see Mt.11:28-30)

J. LORD OF THE SABBATH (Mt.12:8; see 9:6f; 11:28-30; see Dan.7:13f)

II. THE LESSONS

A. ENJOY THE LORD'S DAY (Mt.11:28-12:8; see Ex.20:9f; 23:12; see Mt.28:1; Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:2; Rev.1:10; see *WCF*, c.21; para.7,8)

B. BEWARE OF MALICE (Mk.2:23f; 3:2; Mt.27:18; Acts 16:19; see Eph.4:31f; Col.3:8f; Tt.3:3; 1Pt.2:1f)

C. AVOID BOTH LEGALISM & LAWLESSNESS (Mt.12:1f; see 23:23; Gal.5:13; Rom.14:22)

D. EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT (Mt.12:3f; see Jn.7:23,24)

E. PRACTICE COMPASSION WITH WORSHIP (Mt.12:7; 9:9f,13; see Hos.6:6; see Mt.22:37,39)

III. THE POINT: WORSHIP THE LORD OF THE SABBATH (Mt12:8 w/11:28f; Rev1:17/Hb4:8f,14f)