

JESUS CONFLICTS WITH FALSE RELIGIONS.

Remember: there are **two people in the world:**
 those who are **IN CHRIST**
 those who are **NOT IN CHRIST**

1. Jesus is SUPREME
2. Jesus is SINGULAR [*soul*]
3. Jesus is SAVIOR
4. Jesus is SOVEREIGN
5. Jesus is SUFFICIENT

Background to Mark 2-3

- Mark 2-3 is all about “**CONFLICT**.” Why? Mark is quickly fast forwarding to the main turning point of Christ’s ministry (3:20-30 - the blasphemy)

THESIS — I wanna clearly show you that Jesus — *your Savior* — has authority over the Sabbath! in 2 ways...

*key phrase *connecting* these stories: “**lawful on the Sabbath**” (2.26 & 3.4)

I. YOUR SAVIOR PROCLAIMS HIS SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY OVER THE SABBATH (23-28)

- ❖ The very simple command of: “remember the sabbath day to keep it holy” turned into “a complicated code of external and burdensome ordinances (Alfred Edersheim)
- ❖ God gave the Sabbath as a beneficial ordinance, but the RABBIS TURNED IT INTO AN OPPRESSIVE BONDAGE.

A. The Situation (23-24)

B. The Scripture (25-26)

Mark 2:23 - 3:6 — "Conflicts Over the Sabbath"

C. The Sovereign (27-28)

What do we learn about Jesus & the Law:

1. Jesus KNEW the Law (his study)
2. Jesus UPHELD the Law (his integrity)
3. Jesus GAVE the Law (his deity)
4. Jesus FULFILLED the Law (his beauty)

II. YOUR SAVIOR PROVES HIS SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY OVER THE SABBATH (3:1-6)

A. The lame man (1)

B. The lurking men (2)

C. The Lord's might (3-5)

verse 6 - the conclusion to the conflict episodes (from Mark 2:1 - 3:6)

No merit of my own His anger to suppress
My only hope is found In Jesus' righteousness

For me He died; For me He lives,
And everlasting life And light He freely gives.

— Norman Clayton

PSALM 19 [Isaac Watt’s *Psalter*]*to the tune: “Rise Up O Men of God”*

Behold, the morning sun
 Begins his glorious way;
 His beams through all the nations run,
 And life and light convey.

I hear thy word with love,
 And I gladly obey:
 Send thy good Spirit from above
 To guide me, lest I stray.

But where the gospel comes
 It spreads diviner light;
 It calls dead sinners from their tombs,
 And gives the blind their sight.

O who can ever find
 The errors of his ways?
 Yet with a bold, presumptuous mind
 I would not dare transgress.

How perfect is thy word!
 And all thy judgments just!
 For ever sure thy promise, Lord,
 And men securely trust.

Warn me of every sin,
 Forgive my secret faults,
 And cleanse this guilty soul of mine,
 Whose crimes exceed my thoughts.

My gracious God, how plain
 Are thy directions giv'n!
 O may I never read in vain,
 But find the path to heav'n!

While with my heart and tongue
 I spread thy praise abroad,
 Accept the worship and the song,
 My Savior and my God.

REFORMATION HYMN

We will trust God’s Word alone,
 Where his perfect will is known;
 Our traditions shift like sand
 While his Truth forever stands.
 We will live by faith alone,
 Clothed in merit not our own;
 All we claim is Jesus Christ
 And his finished sacrifice.

We are saved by grace alone—
 Undeserved, yet freely shown;
 No accomplishment on earth
 Can achieve the second birth.
 We will stand on Christ alone,
 The unyielding Cornerstone;
 Nations rage and devils roar,
 Still he reigns forevermore!

*Glory be, glory be to God alone,
 Through the church he redeemed and made his own.
 He has freed us, he will keep us till we’re safely
 home
 Glory be, glory be to God alone!*