

A Bruised Reed (Matthew 12:1-21)

I. The Meekness of the Lord of the Sabbath

- A. The Messiah was anticipated as a Conquering Warrior but came as a Suffering Servant
- B. His meekness is demonstrated in the Incarnation
- C. His meekness is demonstrated in his dealings with people – bruised reeds and smoldering wicks

II. Bruised Reeds and Smoldering Wicks

- A. Bruised reed defined and typified
- B. Smoldering wick defined and typified
- C. Who are the bruised reeds/smoldering wicks?
 - 1. The “refuse of society”
 - 2. The hurting/weak Christian
 - 3. All Christians
- D. Jesus will not break a bruised reed nor quench a smoldering wick

III. The way of Jesus vs. the way of the Pharisees

- A. The yoke of bondage vs. the light yoke
- B. Jesus’ commands are not burdensome
- C. Law and Gospel
- D. Strength Christianity vs. Weakness Christianity

IV. The glory of the Lord of the Sabbath

- A. Jesus is glorified in his gentleness
- B. Jesus is glorified in his power
- C. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble
- D. The Christian is utterly dependent on Christ
- E. Christlikeness demands grace to the humble