

THE KING DEMONSTRATES HE IS LORD OF THE SABBATH
(Matthew 12:9-14)

- I. The CHALLENGE (Matt. 12:10; cf. Mk. 3:1-6; Lk. 6:6-11)
 - A. Entered “THEIR SYNAGOGUE”
 - B. Encountered a man with a WITHERED HAND
 - C. Asked by His critics, “Is it LAWFUL to HEAL on the SABBATH?”
 - 1. They wanted a CHARGE with which to ACCUSE Him
 - a. As a FRAUD
 - b. As a BLASPHEMER
 - 2. They treated the handicapped man CRUELY
 - 3. They treated Jesus DISRESPECTFULLY

- II. The CLARIFICATION (Matt. 12:11-12)
 - A. Reminds them that HUMANS are more VALUABLE than ANIMALS
 - 1. Anyone would LIFT his SHEEP from a pit on the sabbath
 - 2. A MAN is worth INFINITELY more than a sheep
 - B. Asks if DOING GOOD on the Sabbath is LEGAL

1. Accuses them of EVIL intent DESTRUCTIVE of life
2. Insists that the PURPOSE of the Law is to do GOOD

III. The CONFIRMATION (Matt. 12:13)

- A. Commands the man, "STRETCH OUT your hand"
- B. RESTORES the hand to NORMAL
 1. Says nothing about the FAITH of the man
 2. Focuses on the UNBELIEF of the PHARISEES
- C. Proves Jesus' DIVINE AUTHORITY

IV. The CONSPIRACY (Matt. 12:14)

- A. Produced OUTRAGE instead of BELIEF
- B. Provoked a CONSPIRACY to DESTROY Jesus the intent to carry out a decision already made. That is, ...
 1. They had already DECIDED to destroy Him
 2. Now they were working out HOW to do it