

**Jesus' First Trial—Part 2**  
**"Healing on the Sabbath"**  
**Matthew 12:9-21**

I. **The Pharisees' Merciless Charge (vs. 9-10)**

- a. This was "<sup>6</sup>***On another Sabbath...***" (Luke 6:6a)
- b. The man with a withered hand was the Pharisees' Trap (Luke 6:7; cf. Mark 3:2)
  - i. His good "***right hand was withered***" (Luke 6:5)
- c. The Trap: "***Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?***"
- d. For the trap to work, the Pharisees had to believe that Jesus COULD and WOULD heal the man's hand.
- e. Their religious zeal had ultimately made them ungodly! (cf. Isa. 29:13; Luke 13:14; John 5:7-9)

II. **Jesus' Powerful Defense (vs. 11-13)**

- a. A L\_\_\_\_\_ Argument
  - i. The Pharisees manmade rules allowed someone to help an animal (cf. Shabbat 128b; Prov. 12:10)
  - ii. But it didn't allow someone to help a person made in the image of God (cf. Gen. 1:27-28)
- b. Jesus was Righteously Angry: "<sup>5</sup>*... looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart...*" (Mark 3:5a)
  - i. ***orgē*** (**ὀργή**) = anger, wrath, punishment (cf. Rom. 1:18; 3:5; Col. 3:6; 1 Thess. 2:16; Rev. 19:15)
  - ii. The Pharisees claimed to be God's Shepherds, but they had no concern for the man's suffering or soul!
- c. A D\_\_\_\_\_ Argument
  - i. Just as healing the paralytic proved Jesus had the authority of God to forgive sins; healing the man's withered hand proved He had God's authority to interpret His Law (cf. Matt. 9:1-8)

III. **The Pharisees' Murderous Objection (v. 14)**

- a. Jesus' logical argument and divine miracle triggered rejection rather than repentance.
- b. ***apollymi*** (**ἀπόλλυμι**)... "to ruin, to destroy, destruction"
- c. "<sup>6</sup>*...conspiring with the Herodians against Him...*" (Mark 3:6; cf. Matt. 22:15-16)
- d. They had passed their final judgment on Jesus: DEATH!!!

IV. **Jesus' Compassionate Response (vs. 15-21)**

- a. Instead of going to war with the Pharisees and Herodians, ***Jesus withdrew from there*** ["to the sea" (Mark 3:7)]
- b. ***Many followed Him, and He healed them all*** (cf. Matt. 8:16; 12:15; 14:14; 15:30; 19:2; 21:14; Luke 4:40; Acts 10:38)
- c. ***warned them not to tell who He was.*** (cf. Matt. 8:4; 9:30; 17:9; Mark 1:44; 3:12; 5:43; 7:36; 8:30; 9:9; Luke 4:41; 8:56; 9:21)
- d. <sup>17</sup> ***This was to fulfill.*** Isaiah's Four Messianic Servant Songs (cf. Isa. 42:1-9; 49:1-7; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12)
  - i. ***My Servant = pais*** (**παῖς**) = "child" or "son" (cf. Gen. 24:2; 41:10, 38; Job 4:18)
  - ii. The Father's Baptism & Transfiguration blessings (Matt. 3:17; 17:5)
  - iii. The Holy Spirit's anointing (cf. Matt. 3:17)
  - iv. ***justice to the Gentiles!***
  - v. ***not quarrel, nor cry out.*** Jesus was not a zealot or revolutionary but was instead "*gentle and humble in heart*" (cf. Matt. 11:29)
  - vi. ***A battered reed ... And a smoldering wick*** (cf. Matt. 11:29-30; 1 Cor. 1:26-29)
  - vii. ***He leads justice to victory***
  - viii. ***in His name the Gentiles will hope!!!***