THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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FOLLOWING JESUS






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2:23 And it came about that He was
passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath,
and His disciples began to make their way along
while picking the heads *of grain*.



2:24 And the Pharisees were
saying to Him, "See here, why
are they doing what is not
Lawful on the Sabbath?"

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Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
Mark 2:23-3:6

I. Jesus' Lordship Declared 2:23-28
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The Sabbath

Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work.... "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

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Biblical mandates regarding the Sabbath:

- Exodus 20:10, no regular work on the Sabbath.
- Exodus 35:3, do not kindle a fire for cooking.
- Numbers 15:32, no gathering fuel on the Sabbath
- Jeremiah 17:21, prohibited carrying any load on the Sabbath
- Nehemiah 10:31; 13:15, 19 prohibitions against transacting business on the Sabbath

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Deuteronomy 23:25:

"When you enter your neighbor's standing grain,
then you may pluck the heads with your hand,
but you shall not wield a sickle in your
neighbor's standing grain."

Jesus' Response

2:25,26 And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and became hungry, he and his companions: how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?"

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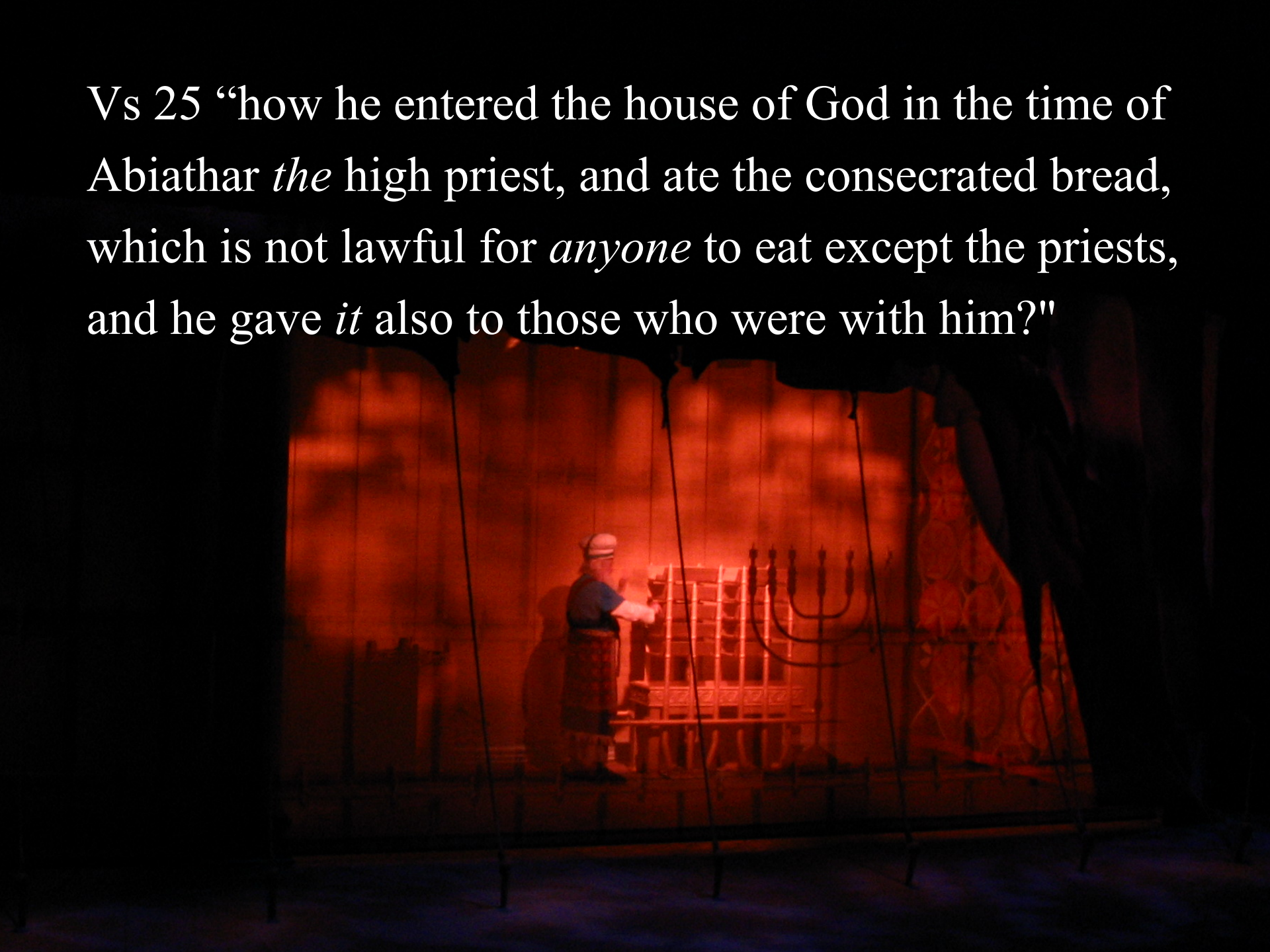
In Matthew 12, Jesus gave three reasons in defense of His disciples:

1) David feeding his men consecrated bread when they were hungry (Matt. 12:3–4).
2) The priests served the temple on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:5–6).
3) The prophet Hosea said, “I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice” (Matt. 12:7–8).

Vs 25 “how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar *the* high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the priests, and he gave *it* also to those who were with him?"



God's compassion in meeting genuine human need takes priority over the Pharisee's regulations and narrow interpretation of the Law.

V. 27 And He was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

Which was created first: man or the Sabbath?

For whom was the Sabbath given?

Exod. 31:16,17. “So the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever..."

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"Nine of the Ten Commandments are repeated in the New Testament, not as law but as instructions for Christians living under grace. The only commandment Christians are never told to keep is that of the Sabbath."

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Colossians 2:16,17

"Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-- things which are a *mere* shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ."

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Mark 2:28

"Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

As Lord of the Sabbath Jesus had the authority to reject the Pharisee's man-made traditions and restore God's true intention for the Sabbath to be a blessing for man.

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Romans 14:5, 6

"One man regards one day above another, another regards every day *alike*. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord...

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Why do Christians worship on Sunday?

- The Lord Jesus rose from the dead on that day (John 20:1).
- On the next two Lord's Days, He met with His disciples (John 20:19, 26).
- The Holy Spirit was given on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1).
- The early disciples met on that day to break bread (Acts 20:7).
- It is the day mentioned for giving to the work of the Lord (1 Cor. 16:1, 2).

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The Sabbath was a day of obligation.
The Lord's Day is a day of privilege.

Hebrews 10:24,25 "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

Acts 2:42 "And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

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II. Jesus' Lordship Demonstrated 3:1-6

3:1 And He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there with a withered hand.

3:2 And they were watching Him *to see* if He would heal him on the Sabbath, in order that they might accuse Him.

II. Jesus' Lordship Demonstrated 3:1-6

3:3 And He said to the man with the withered hand, "Rise and come forward!"

3:4 And He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?" But they kept silent.

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II. Jesus' Lordship Demonstrated 3:1-6

3:5 And after looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

* How is my heart?

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

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II. Jesus' Lordship Demonstrated 3:1-6

Ezekiel 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

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3:6 And the Pharisees went out and immediately began taking counsel with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

The Pharisees objected to Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath, but had no qualms about plotting the death of an innocent Man on the Sabbath!

The Pharisees judgmentalism blinded them to their own injustice.

Romans 2:1 “Therefore you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.”

Jesus focused on inner spiritual realities
while the Pharisees clung to outward rituals.

Jesus is not only Lord of the Sabbath:
He wants to be Lord of each day of our lives.
He wants to be Lord of our hearts.



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