

Jesus is LORD of the Sabbath *Mark 2:23-28*

- **The Pharisee's charge against the disciples. vs. 23-24**

The Pharisees are watching Jesus and looking to make any accusation they can against him. They see his disciples breaking the Law in their eyes by plucking heads of grain in a field because they were hungry.

- The Sabbath (*which means rest*) was given by the Lord and was to be a day of rest for mankind. *Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15*
- What the Pharisees did with the Law of God was add a lot of additional man-made rules. The Pharisees would rather see someone go hungry on the Sabbath than break their rules!

- **Jesus exposes the Pharisee's man-made restrictions. vs. 25-28**

Jesus takes the Pharisees to Bible School! They are wrong in three areas and in exposing them Jesus teaches us more about himself. He declares his complete authority yet again.

1. They are wrong on *the Bible*. *1 Sam. 21:1-6*
Jesus was and is more concerned with human needs than He is with religious ritual!
2. They are wrong about *the Sabbath*. *Gen. 2:1-3*
The Sabbath was made to serve man, God knew and still knows what every person needs.
3. They are wrong about *the Son of Man*. *Dan. 7:13-14*
Jesus declares his complete authority over the Sabbath!

The Lord gave the Sabbath as a blessing for man, not as a burden to crush man. *Col. 2: 16-17*

Application:

1. Make sure the Bible is the standard in your life and our life as His church. God's Word is our one and only foundation and it will guide us to follow Christ.
2. Don't be fooled by man-made rules that will not lead you to Christ. Know the Word.
3. Remember that the need rest you need is only found in Christ. Man-made rules will never get you to God! Only the Lord of the Sabbath, the Son of God, will get you there. Trust in His work and not your own. Have you surrendered your life to the Lordship of Christ?