

18. Now the disciples of John and the *disciples* of the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and the *disciples* of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”

19. And Jesus said to them, “Can the children of the bridal chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.

20. But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them; and then shall they fast in those days.

21. And no one sews a piece of new cloth onto an old garment; otherwise the new *piece* filling up the *hole* tears away from the old, and a worse hole is made.

22. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine bursts the *old* wineskins, and the wine spills out, and the wineskins are destroyed; but new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

23. Now it came to pass that He went through the grain fields on the Sabbath; and as His disciples made *their* way *through the fields*, they were picking and *eating* the grain.

24. Then the Pharisees said to Him, “Look at them! Why are they doing that which is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

25. And He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was hungry and in need of food, he and those with him?

26. How in *the days of Abiathar the high priest*, he entered into the house of God and he ate the showbread, which it is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and he also gave *it* to those who were with him?”

27. And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, *and* not man for the Sabbath;

28. Therefore, the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

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1. And again He went into the synagogue, and a man who had a withered hand was there.

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

¹⁸ Mat. 9:14
¹⁹ Luke 5:33
²³ Deut. 23:25
²⁴ Mat. 12:1
²⁵ Luke 6:1
²⁶ 1 Sam. 21:6
²⁷ Ex. 29:32-33
²⁸ Lev. 24:9
²⁹ Mat. 12:8

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¹ Mat. 12:9
² Luke 6:6

3. Then He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Stand up *here* in the center.”

4. And He said to them, “Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbaths, or to do evil? To save life, or to kill?” But they were silent.

5. And after looking around at them with anger, being grieved at the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and his hand was restored *as* sound as the other.

6. Then the Pharisees left *and* immediately took counsel with the Herodians against Him *as to* how they might destroy Him.

7. But Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea,

8. And from Jerusalem, and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those around Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard what great things He was doing, came to Him.

9. Then He told His disciples to have a small ship wait for Him on account of the multitude, in order that they might not press upon Him.

10. For He had healed so many that they *began* to crowd around Him, as many as had plagues, in order that they might touch Him;

11. And when the unclean spirits saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried aloud, saying, “You are the Son of God.”

12. But He sharply rebuked them so that they would not make Him known.

13. Then He went up into the mountain and called to *Him* those whom He desired, and they came to Him.

14. And He ordained twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them to preach,

15. And to have authority to heal diseases and to cast out demons.

16. Then He *chose* Simon and added to *him* the name Peter;

17. And *He chose* James, the son of Zebedee, and John, the brother of James; and He added to them *the* name Boanerges, which means “sons of thunder.”

18. And *He chose* Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas. And *He chose* James, the son of

⁶ Mat. 12:14,
⁷ 22:16
⁷ Luke 6:17
¹¹ Mat. 14:33
²³ Mark 1:1, 23-
²⁴ 24
²⁵ Luke 4:41
¹² Mat. 12:16
²⁶ Mark 1:25, 34
¹³ Mat. 10:1
²⁷ Luke 6:12,
^{9:1}
¹⁶ John 1:42