

Who is Jesus? (Matthew 12:1-21)

Introduction

- Give an example of a manmade Sabbath rule in Jesus' time.
- What did all these laws do to the Sabbath?
- What is the theme of Matthew 11 – 12?

i Status

- Why were the disciples not wrong to pick some ears of corn in v1-2?
- Why do the Pharisees object?
- What is Jesus' first defence of his disciples in v3-4?
- What is his second defence of his disciples in v5-6?
- And what is his third in v7?
- What is momentous about what Jesus says in v8?
- What does this reveal about him?
- What should you do if you have lost sight of this a little?

ii Sabbath

- What happens when we reach v9-10?
- What is Jesus' point in v11-12?

- What does he do in v13?
- What do Acts 20:7 and I Corinthians 16:2 suggest about the day the early church met for worship?
- What does Revelation 1:10 call Sunday?
- What does this actually mean?
- How, then, should we view the Lord's Day?

iii Style

- How are the Pharisees breaking the law in v14?
- What does Jesus do in v15-16?
- What are the two reasons he tells people not to reveal who he is?
 - i)
 - ii)
- Where does Matthew quote from in v18-21?
- What do the verses teach about Jesus' style?
- What do the bruised reed and the smouldering wick stand for?
- What is the ultimate outcome of Jesus' gentle ministry?
- What should you do if you feel like a bruised reed or a smouldering wick?
- Have you put your hope in Jesus?