

Lesson Guide 18 – The Life of Jesus (Sabbath Controversy, Twelve Apostles Called)

Luke 6:1-16, Matt. 10:1-4, Mark 2:23-3:19

Pre-class Activity – Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: **The horse was named Friday, Who Am I: Noah**)

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Prayer Requests

- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Concern
- Grow up to be like Jesus

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Sabbath Controversy

- Jesus is criticized by the Pharisees because his disciples are picking and eating heads of grain on the Sabbath.
The Pharisees did not object to taking the grain, but to gathering, rubbing out the grains of wheat in the hand, and eating them on the Sabbath. To understand their position, the Law said that the Jews were "to do no manner of work" on the Sabbath.
- Jesus refers to David eating consecrated bread.
The Lord answers them by citing the case of David, who, under necessity, took, ate, and gave to his followers the shew bread which it was lawful for priests only to eat. (1 Samuel 21:1-6) If David could take these under necessity, so could Christ's disciples pluck corn under necessity.
- Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
Because the Sabbath is made for man, the Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath.

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Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

- Jesus encounters a man with a withered hand while teaching in the synagogue.
- Jesus makes a comparison between a sheep and a man.
If sheep can be lifted out of its suffering on the Sabbath, why not much more a man?
- The man with the withered hand is completely healed
- Pharisees plot to kill Jesus.

7-10

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Twelve Apostles Called

- Jesus spends the night in prayer.
- Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James
- John, Philip, Bartholomew
- Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus)
- Simon (the Zealot), Judas (son of James), Judas Iscariot

12-16

Discussion Question – If you had been in church the day Jesus healed the man's withered hand, what would your reaction have been?