



The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Ten Study Questions

– Healing the Man with the Withered Hand

(Matthew 12:1-13; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11)

1. What did the Pharisees say when they saw Jesus' disciples plucking grain as they went through fields on the Sabbath? (Matthew 12:1-2)
 - Jesus asked the Pharisees if they had not read what two Old Testament accounts? (Matthew 12:3-5)
 - Were Jesus' disciples guilty of violating the Sabbath? (Matthew 12:7)
 - What does God desire more than sacrifice? (cf. Hosea 6:6)
 - Who does Jesus identify as being "greater than the temple" and "Lord of the Sabbath"? (Matthew 12:6, 8)
 - What other notable miracles did Jesus perform on the Sabbath day? (John 5:1-14; 9:14; Luke 14:1-6; 13:1-17)
2. What day was it when Jesus encountered the man with the withered hand as He was teaching in the synagogue? (Luke 6:6)
 - What did the scribes and Pharisees do on this occasion and why did they do it? (Luke 6:7)
 - What question did they ask Jesus? (Matthew 12:10)
3. What question does Jesus ask the scribes and Pharisees in Mark 3:4?
 - In Matthew's account, Jesus notes that any Jewish man would be willing to save the life of what kind of animal if it had fallen in a pit on the Sabbath? (12:11-12)
 - What does this imply about the relative value of human life compared to animal life?
4. How did the Jews respond to Jesus' question? (Mark 3:4-5)
 - What grieved and angered Jesus? (Mark 3:6)
 - What do each of the following passages teach about hardening the heart?
 - Romans 2:5
 - Hebrews 3:8
 - Proverbs 28:14
5. What did Jesus tell the man with the withered hand to do? (Matthew 12:13; Luke 6:10; Mark 3:5)
 - At what point was the man's hand restored?
6. What did the Pharisees and Herodians immediately do? (Mark 3:6)
 - With what were they filled? (Luke 6:11)
7. What flaws are evident in the words and actions of the Pharisees in this account that we need to be careful to avoid in our lives?