

## LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

### SERMON OUTLINE

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Matthew 12:9-14

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**RECAP:** Last week, we concluded this section on Jesus' argument against the Pharisees on the purpose and use of the Sabbath.

**THESIS:** Jesus illustrates how showing compassion on the Sabbath obviously trumps legalism.

**EXEGESIS:** Matthew 12:9-14 (*see also Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11, cf. Luke 14:1-6.*)

- Any differences between these referenced passages amount to a) Jesus' arguments as each disciples recalls different parts, and b) The Pharisees' response to Jesus in order to harm Him.
- **Man with withered hand.** The literal Greek rendering here is “*dried up hand.*” We don’t know precisely what that means, either from birth or some form of paralysis, but likely it withered away his arm and hand tissue, thus it being “dried up.”
- **“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”** Matthew includes here that they weren’t interested in legitimate answers, but only in breaking down Jesus’ fame and power in any way they could.
  - This kind of fabricated self-righteous morality is no different than what we see today.
- **“Which of you having a sheep...will not go and pull it out?”** While some debated laws had been put in place over this issue, it was obvious that one would not let one’s livelihood die on the Sabbath day.
- *Even the Pharisees relented that some things took precedence over the Sabbath, such as caring, healing, and doing good.* Even they understood that obviously you needed to do good, and in fact you were obligated to do so.
- God expects us all to act and do good and show compassion regardless of whether it gets in the way, even with **a)** man-made laws and fabricated morality, or **b)** Or our own self-righteousness or sinful inclinations.

**CONCLUSION:**

- **Mercy and compassion are to be key important aspects of the life of Christ’s disciples. More important than observing technicalities.**
- **The unwillingness of the stubborn and sinful man to accept this truth.**