

Looking at Mark 2

Mark 2:23-27
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discuss

The disciples of Jesus were being observed. Disciples represented their rabbi and they represented Jesus, and influenced what others thought of him. The same is true now: when people make judgements of Jesus (both positive and negative) his disciples are the picture frame through which he's viewed. This is true for individuals and for the church.

Discuss some examples of when we (as individuals and as the church) have reflected both positively and negatively on Jesus. What does v27-28 reveal about Jesus and about their understanding of the law?

The Sabbath was important for various reasons:

it was a day for worship,
it was a reminder of God in the creation story

it was a sign of the covenant between God and the nation of Israel when he brought them out of slavery in Egypt.

We have never been slaves in Egypt but we have been enslaved. Read Romans 6:11-14.

We are no longer slaves to sin, we get to live a life of grace and freedom. Describe what that looks like. *Imagine you are talking to someone who has not yet decided to serve God.*

After Jesus died and rose again, humankind was given a promise just as Israel were.

Our promise is that we can find our rest in Jesus. He turns the sadness into joy, takes the fear of death and turns it to hope. What else does he promise?

How does your life reflect these truths about a life serving Jesus?