

Mark 2:23-28
Jesus Crushes Grain & Legalism
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I. The Pharisees ask another lame question (23-24).

- A. What is legalism?

- B. Snacking on the trail.

- C. Illegal trail mix.
 - 1. 4th Commandment review (Ex. 20; Deut. 5)
 - 2. Ceremonial and moral law.
 - 3. Expanding the commandment, just in case.
 - 4. A question and a warning.
 - 5. Can they be serious?

II. Jesus crushes legalism with the Bible (25-26).

- A. "Have you never read?"
 - 1. More Bible, not less.
 - 2. Heartless religion doesn't hold up to the Bible.
 - 3. Libertine legalism.

- B. David and the holy bread (1 Sam. 21).
 - 1. On the run from Saul.
 - 2. On the King's business.
 - 3. Holy bread, for priests only (Lev. 24:5-9)

C. Chew on this, Pharisee.

III. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (27-28).

- A. Guilty of showing mercy on the Sabbath.

- B. What is the point of the Sabbath?
 - 1. Authorial intent.
 - 2. Sabbath, marriage, and creation order (Gen. 2; Ex. 20; Deut. 5; Is. 58; Mal. 2:13-16; Matt. 19:1-9; Mk. 2:22-28).
 - 3. The Sabbath is made for man.
 - 4. God's law does not destroy man (Rom. 7:7, 13; 1 Cor. 15:56)
 - 5. Consider your ways (Hag. 1:1-11).

- C. Serving the Lord of the Sabbath is lawful on the Sabbath.
 - 1. Weekly reminder that all have a Master in heaven (Col. 3:22-4:1)
 - 2. Serve someone greater than the Temple (Matt. 12:5-7)
 - 3. Your reasonable service (Ro. 12:1-2; Hag. 1:1-11)

- D. Our Lord and Master gives us rest.
 - 1. Physical rest.
 - 2. Spiritual rest.
 - 3. Give rest to others (Matt. 11:28).