



The Gospel of Mark

JESUS

The King Who
Came to Die

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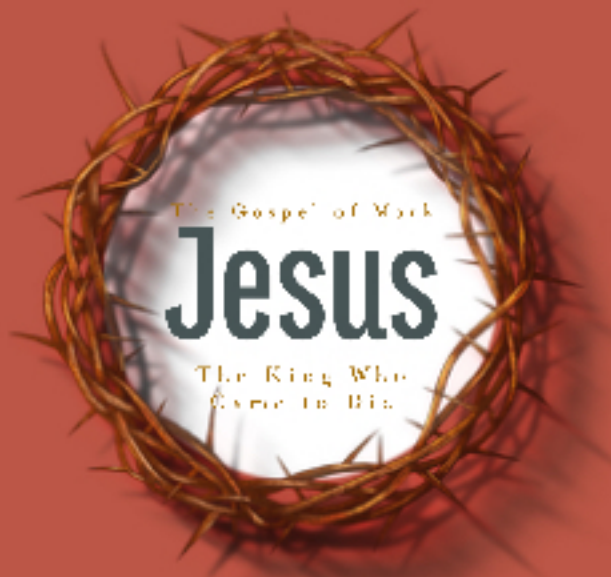
Mark 3:1–6

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The Culmination of Early Controversies

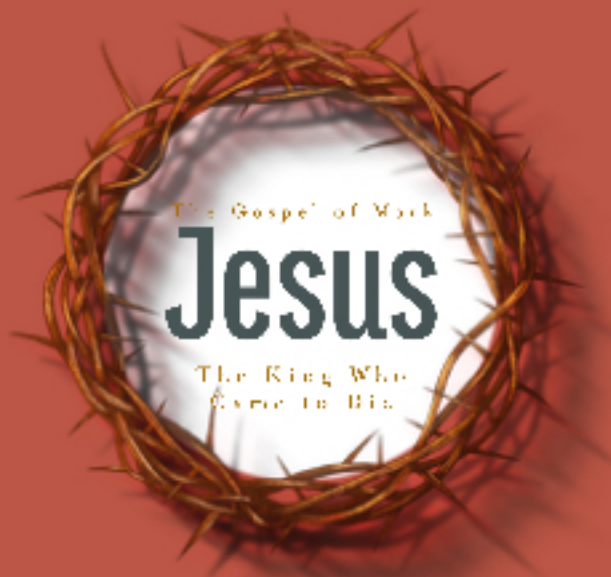
A Series of Five Controversies

- Jesus forgives the sin of the paralytic (2:1-12)
- Jesus dines with tax collectors & 'sinners' (2:13-17)
- Jesus does not require His disciples to fast (2:18-22)
- Jesus allows His disciples to violate Sabbath traditions (2:23-28)
- Jesus heals on the Sabbath (3:1-6)



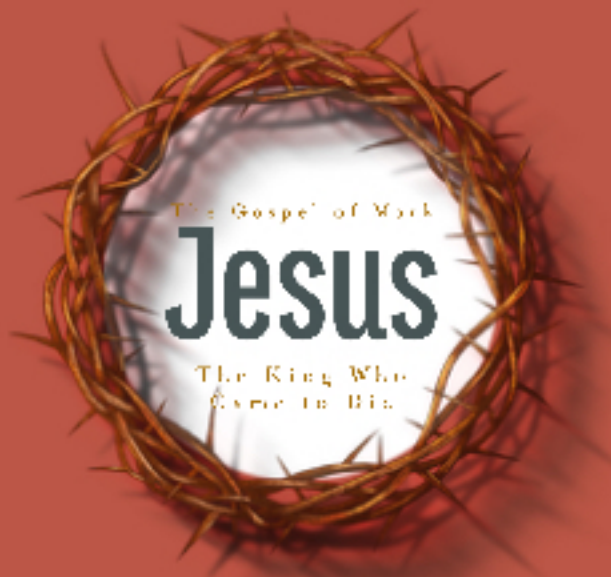
The Central Issue - Jesus' Identity & Authority

- The Son of Man has authority to forgive sins (2:1-12)
- The Son of Man comes to call sinners (2:13-17)
- The Son of Man is the Bridegroom for the people of God and is the end of the ceremonial & sacrificial aspects of the law (2:18-22)
- The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (2:23-28)
- The Son of Man gives Sabbath healing & life (3:1-6)



Growing Disagreement & Antagonism

- They accuse Jesus of blasphemy in their hearts (2:1-12)
- They question Jesus' disciples (2:13-17)
- Others question Jesus about His disciples (2:18-22)
- They question Jesus about His disciples breaking of Sabbath traditions (2:23-28)
- They are looking to accuse Jesus, and plot to kill him (3:1-6)



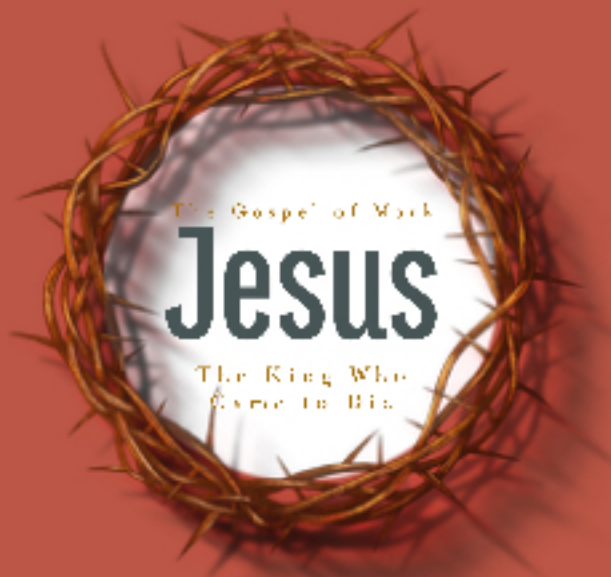
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Another Sabbath Controversy

Jesus Is Gathered For Worship

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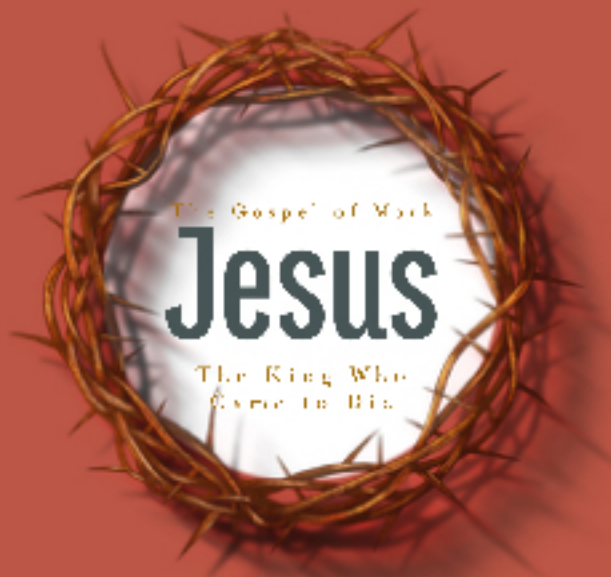
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Looking For A Reason To Accuse Jesus

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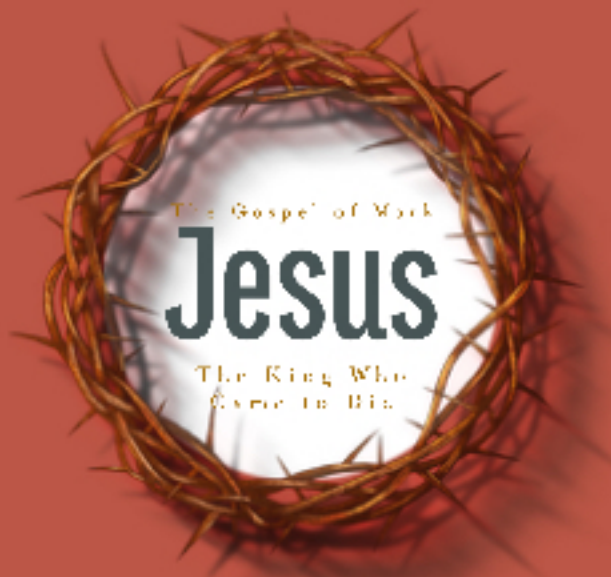
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Regulations for Healing on the Sabbath!

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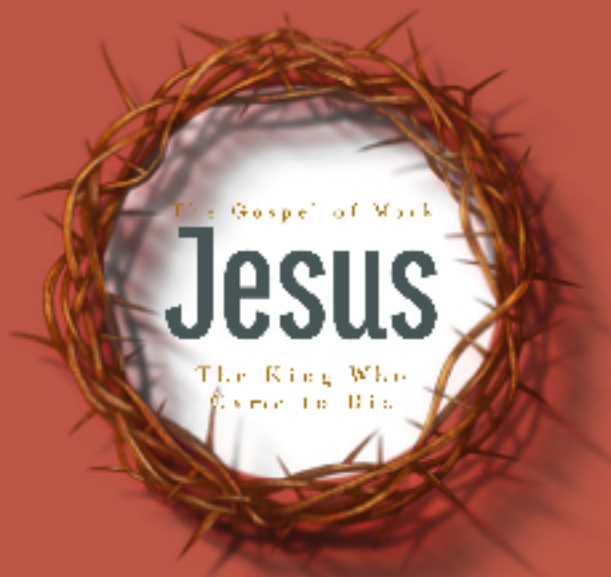
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Sabbath Rules for Healing

they may not straighten a deformed body or set a broken limb [on the Sabbath]

Midrash Shabbat 22:6



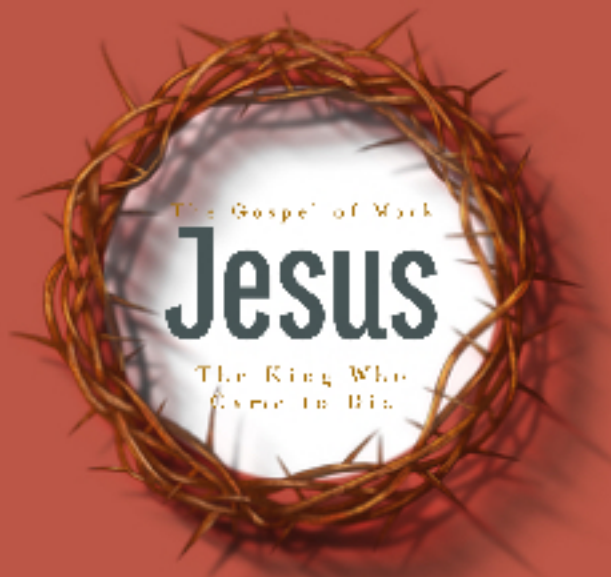
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The Son of Man and the Sabbath

Jesus Brings the Man to the Front

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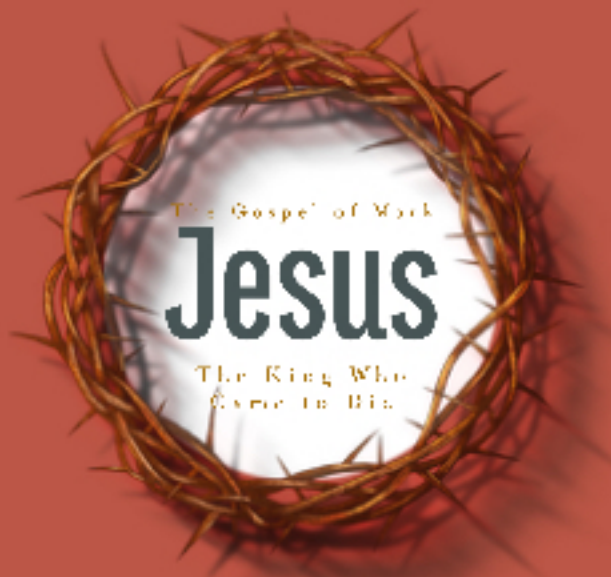
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Jesus' Penetrating Question

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Jesus' Answer

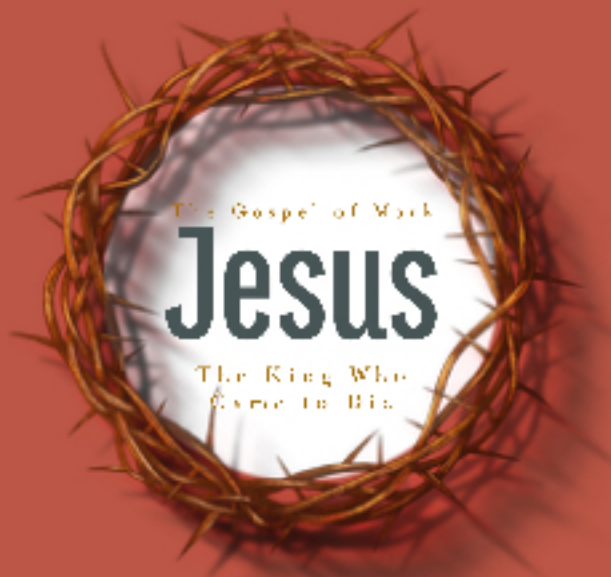
How much more valuable is a man than a sheep!
Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”
Matthew 12:12



They Refuse To Answer

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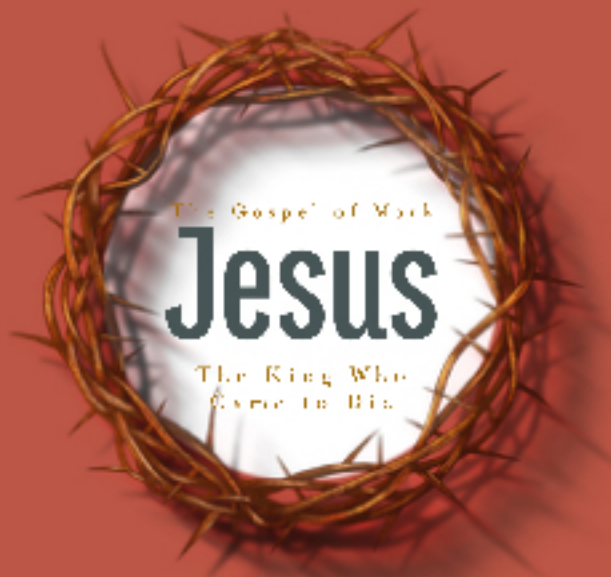
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Jesus' Response and Action

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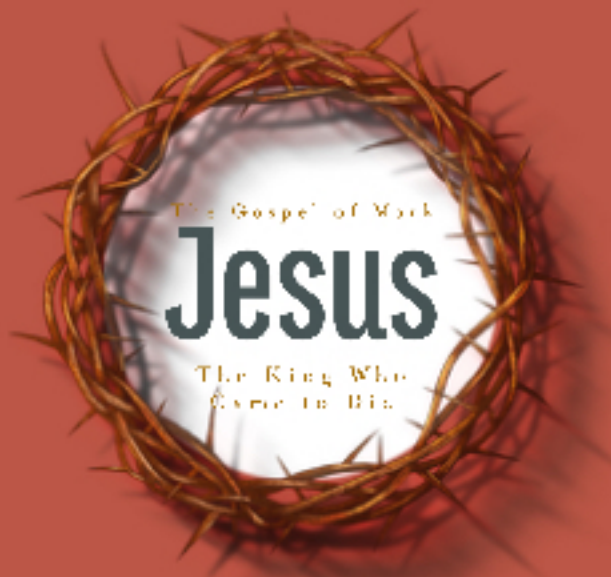
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The Pharisees' Response and Action

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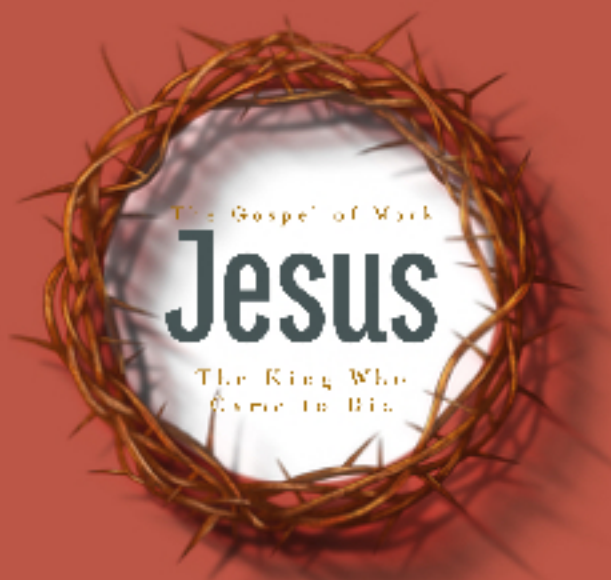
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Applying

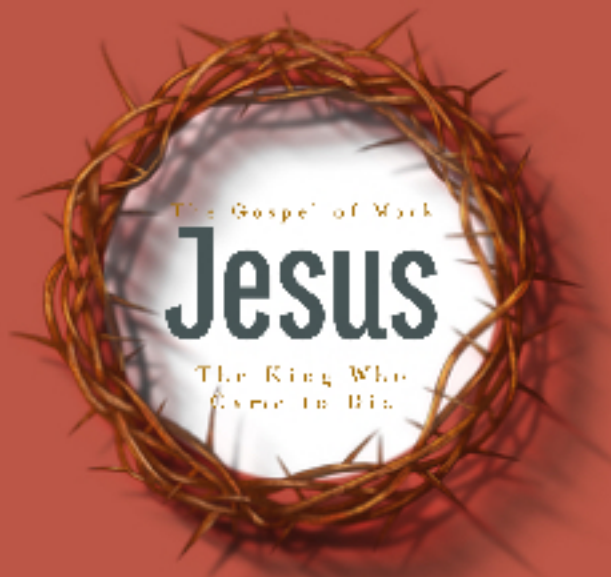
The Word

The Deadly Disease of Legalism

- Legalism blinds us to the grace of God at work around us
- Legalism destroys true worship
- Legalism drains away joy



- Legalism loves rules more than relationship
- Legalism loves old wineskins more than new wine
- Legalism loves a graveyard more than a nursery
- Legalism defines faith by “No” rather than “Yes”
- Legalism believes sin is more powerful than holiness
- Legalism believes law is more powerful than grace



The Table of Grace

