

HEADLINES: Controversy in the Life of Jesus

“This Almost Got Jesus Killed”

RULES MINUS RELATIONSHIP EQUALS REBELLION.

²³ One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. ²⁴ But the Pharisees said to Jesus, “Look, why are they **breaking the law** by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?”
Mark 2:23-24 (NLT)

²⁵ Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ²⁶ He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and **broke the law** by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷ Then Jesus said to them, **“The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”** Mark 2:25-28 (NLT)

⁹ Then Jesus went over to their synagogue, ¹⁰ where he noticed a man with a deformed hand. The Pharisees asked Jesus, **“Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?”** (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.) ¹¹ And he answered, “If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn’t you work to pull it out? Of course, you would. ¹² And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath.” ¹³ Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So, the man held out his hand, and it was restored, just like the other one! ¹⁴ **Then the Pharisees called a meeting to plot how to kill Jesus.** Matthew 12:9-14 (NLT)

JESUS DIDN’T COME TO ESTABLISH A RELIGION, BUT A RELATIONSHIP.

THE LAW WASN’T GIVEN TO KILL SIN, BUT TO PRONOUNCE IT.

²¹ **But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.** ²² This righteousness from God comes **through faith** in Jesus Christ to **all** who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are **justified freely by his grace** through the **redemption** that came by Jesus Christ. **Romans 3:21-24**

DON'T LET RELIGION GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

*"...I don't speak to you as my **servants**. I speak to you as my **friends...**" John 15:15b (CEV)*