

Matthew 12:1 to 14 | Liberty or Legalism

1. Conflict in cornfield: do you value Christ? (1-8)

Disciples eating some corn they picked on against OT law but against Pharisees rules

Perfect illustration of their heavy yoke

J answers with scripture: haven't you read (3); read in the law (5), if you had known... (7)

Remember King David: King Jesus is here (3-4)

Think about the priests: a greater temple is here (5-6)

Listen to the word of the prophets: the ultimate merciful sacrifice is here (7)

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath (8)

Jesus interprets the law accurately

Jesus fulfils the law perfectly

You need Jesus for salvation, not rules

Don't mistake religion for relationship

2. Standoff in the synagogue: do you value people? (9-14)

Should Jesus heal on the Sabbath – Pharisees stuck argument about whether healing work

Jesus response of course some necessary work to save valuable possessions. Much more to save a person - Healing on the Sabbath is good

Jesus can restore broken people

Value people more than rules