

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

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Miracle #10 – Jesus Heals A Man’s Withered Hand

Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

- **Mark 3:1-2**

“And they watched Him”

“They” – Scribes and Pharisees

Scribes – The Scribes in the New Testament were, in our terms, the **“lawyers”** who were the legal jurists of their day. They were the teachers of the law. They studied the law and explained its interpretation to students and all who consulted with them. Throughout the whole life of Christ they were among His most watchful and determined opponents.

Pharisees – A group of religious leaders who were known for their self-righteousness and pride. They thought of themselves as the **“separatists.”** They were strict observers of the Mosaic Law. They placed considerable emphasis on the rigorous upholding of the law. They clashed strongly with Jesus who came preaching **“LOVE.”**

The Scribes and Pharisees were there hoping Jesus would heal the man so they could accuse Jesus of breaking the law of the Sabbath.

- **I Peter 5:8**
- **Mark 3:3-5**

Jesus told the man with the withered hand to stand up. Then He turned to the Scribes and Pharisees and asked a question. The NIV says, **“Then He asked, on the Sabbath should we do good deeds or evil deeds? Should we save someone’s life or destroy it?”** Jesus knew the law. The Sabbath law said that people could be helped on the Sabbath **only if** their lives were in danger.

It is of note that Jesus healed on the Sabbath several times and none of them was an emergency. The reason Jesus would not wait for the next day to heal this man is because He would have been subjecting Himself to man’s law and not God’s law. **The love of God is not**

subject to rules and regulations; laws and doctrines. Whenever you see someone in need, help them. The best time to help someone is when they are in need.

Verse 5 says that Jesus was angry with them. He was angered by the heartlessness of the Scribes and Pharisees. They had no regard for another human being in need. They claimed themselves to be God-loving people but could care less about the hungry, the homeless, the helpless and the hopeless.

- **Matthew 23:13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27 & 29**
- **Mark 3:6**

Jesus healed the man. He restored his hand. The Scribes and Pharisees got angry. They were embarrassed and they left the presence of Jesus determined to destroy Him.

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