

## “Lord of the Sabbath”

November 23, 2025 Pastor Todd McAllister  
Mark 2:23–3:6

**Introduction:** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ

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Son of man, Lord even of the Sabbath 2:28

⇒ How has your interaction with the Gospel of Jesus Christ revealed what you value?

◆ **The interactions between the religious leaders and Jesus, the lord of the Sabbath, reveal their contrasting values.**

Surface Level Values

What can be \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sabbath?

Mark 2:24-26; 3:4; Matthew 12:1-14; Luke 6:1-11

What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sabbath?

“The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27

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## “Lord of the Sabbath” (continued)

Below the Surface Values

Encounter with the religious leaders

Why are you doing what is not \_\_\_\_\_? 2:24

Jesus’ response

“Have you never \_\_\_\_\_...? Mark 2:25-26

It is \_\_\_\_\_ to do good on the Sabbath. 3:1-5

Religious leaders’ response

\_\_\_\_\_ Him Mark 3:2

Hard hearts Mark 3:5

Shut and \_\_\_\_\_ the door! 3:6

⇒ As you grow in your understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, how do you respond? Seek to join in what God values or desire to shut and lock the door?

Foundational Values

\_\_\_\_\_ is speaking?

“The Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Mark 2:28

“The Son of Man given dominion” Daniel 7:13-14

What does He \_\_\_\_\_?

“If you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.” Matthew 12:7; Hosea 6:6

Hesed: lovingkindness, mercy, loyalty, kindness,

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