

# MATTHEW

June 26, 2022

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## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Can you identify a time when you were the victim of someone's unrealistic expectations?
2. Why are the disciples accused of breaking the law on a Sabbath (vv. 1-2)? What is the expectation?
3. Discuss the difference between the written Law and the oral law (traditions). How had the traditions become so important? (You may have to do a little research.)
4. What is significant about the threefold reply of Jesus (vv. 3-7)? What point does He make?

What is the one commentary on the Law that matters (v. 7)? How had the Pharisees failed in this?

5. Discuss the significance of the provocative statements made by Jesus in vv. 6 & 8.
6. Describe the next scene (vv. 9-10). What is going on?

7. How does Jesus respond to the situation (vv. 11-12)?

What is lawful to do regardless of the Sabbath?

The result (v. 13)?

8. What does the reaction of the Pharisees tell us (v. 14)? (Why don't they "get it"?)

9. What does the inclusion of the prophecy from Isaiah intend to fulfill (vv. 15-21)?

10. Have you ever placed (unrealistic) expectations on others when it comes to matters of faith? What have you learned here that can make a difference next time?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will be more compassionate this week by . . .

I will seek to do more good this week by . . .