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THE RISE OF OPPOSITION

Five Controversies

Part Four

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Controversy Over Healing

Luke 6:6-11 (CSB)

⁶ On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. A man was there whose right hand was shriveled. ⁷ The scribes and Pharisees were watching him closely, to see if he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they could find a charge against him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts and told the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand here." So he got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you: Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ After looking around at them all, he told him, "Stretch out your hand." He did, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ They, however, were filled with rage and started discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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The Greek word (*pareterounto*) is **very emotive**; it means to spy on or watch out of the corner of one's eye, which adds a **sinister** note.

What were the Pharisees looking for specifically?

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In general, healing or medical work was not done on the Sabbath, **unless a life was in danger**, a baby was being born, or circumcision was needed.

So, was the man's life in danger?

PHARISAICAL PERSPECTIVE
The Pharisees' had their ideal "gotcha" moment with Jesus.

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JESUS IS NOT NAIVE

He knows they are trying to trap Him; but He doesn't back away. The Pharisees may be secretive; but Jesus is open.

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Law of the Sabbath

"The intent of the Sabbath was to prevent people from working several consecutive days without rest, to provide time for rejuvenation, and to give time to contemplate God. Certainly it was never intended to prevent one from doing good." (Darrell Bock, BECNT)

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Jesus' question puts the Pharisees in a dilemma.



Jesus doesn't wait for their answer, He turns to demonstrate God's endorsement for doing good on the Sabbath.

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What does Jesus do when the Pharisees don't respond?



The endorsement comes with the healing, since God doesn't respond in such situations to a sinner.



The miracle serves as an audiovisual pointing to the truth about doing good on the Sabbath and validating Jesus' point.

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Mindless rage or irrational anger in the Greek.



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Why were the Pharisees so enraged?

- Jesus performed no "work" on the Sabbath—He simply spoke a few words and a hand was completely restored.
- He humiliated the religious leaders and healed the man all at the same time without even breaking the Pharisees' law.

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- This is one area where Luke understates the magnitude of the response.
- **Mark 3:6** – “Immediately the Pharisees went out and started plotting with the Herodians against him, how they might kill him.”
- **Matthew 12:14** - “But the Pharisees went out and plotted against him, how they might kill him.”

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Why did Jesus call the Apostles?

In my opinion, the die had been cast and Jesus knew it was time to bring others into the process of spreading the Good News.



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- People are watching you, just like they did Jesus. Are they drawn to Him or driven away from Him by what they see in your life?
- Jesus spent all night in prayer before choosing the Apostles, what kinds of decisions or events are pending in your life that require extended prayer time?
- Jesus chose the Apostles to be special messengers of the Gospel, but He commissioned all believers to be disciple makers. How are you doing?

MANIFESTO OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

GOD'S LOVE=REVERSAL OF OUR VALUE SYSTEMS
RADICAL GENEROSITY, SERVANT LEADERSHIP,
PEACEMAKING, FORGIVENESS, DEEP PIETY
THAT REJECTS RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

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THE BEATITUDES

Luke 6:17-23

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