

## Matthew Lesson 12

### The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 12:1-21

**Historical background** – Jesus promises “rest” – no more uncertainty, fear, anxiety and despair. He also promises peace of heart and mind. Who is he, that he can promise such things?

#### Vocabulary

- Sabbath
- heads of grain
- unlawful on the Sabbath
- consecrated
- desecrate
- shriveled hand
- withdrew from that place
- bruised reed
- smoldering wick

### Questions about Chapter 12

- How important was the temple to the Jewish people?
- Who made the Sabbath? (Genesis 2:1-3)
- What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus’ disciples of doing? (vs. 1-2)
- What examples from the Old Testament does Jesus give about the Sabbath? (vs. 3-8)
- What do you think Jesus means by “...something greater than the temple is here.”? (vs. 6 – 8)
- In the next few verses, Jesus also continues to heal people? What is Jesus showing to the Pharisees about the Sabbath? (vs. 9-13)
- When Jesus says He is Lord of the Sabbath, what is he claiming? What two things prove his claims?