

305 Questions By Jesus
Relationships With Jesus

Overview

In Luke 2:49, Preparation for his Father's work.

In John 1:38, Gathering of followers.

In John 2:4, Jesus' first miracle.

In John 3:10-12, Jesus reaches out to an educated seeker of great reputation.

In John 4:7, Jesus reaches out to a rejected person of dubious reputation.

In John 4:35, Jesus announces that the world is ready to hear the Gospel.

Overview

In John 5:6, Message will not be received by all, and his deity and Lordship are aggressively resisted.

In Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 2:2-12, and Luke 5:17-26, Jesus has the power to forgive sin.

In Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2:18-22, and Luke 5:33-39, New kingdom where Jesus is at its center.

In Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28, and Luke 6:1-5, as well as Matthew 12:9-14, Mark 3:1-6, and Luke 6:6-11, Biblical rules and regulations focus is mercy and love, and that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath.

Luke 2:42-51 NKJV

42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

Luke 2:42-51 NKJV

48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”

And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

John 1:35-39 NKJV

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

John 1:43-51 NKJV

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, ***“Follow Me.”*** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, **“Come and see.”** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, ***“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”***

John 1:43-51 NKJV

48 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, *“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”* Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, *“Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”* And He said to him, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”*

Christianity and Religion – C. S. Lewis

There comes a moment when the children who have been playing at burglars hush suddenly: was that a real footstep in the hall? There comes a moment when people who have been dabbling in religion ('Man's search for God!') suddenly draw back. Supposing we really found Him? We never meant it to come to that! Worse still, supposing He had found us?

John 2:1-11 NKJV

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, “*Fill the waterpots with water.*” And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, “*Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.*” And they took it.

John 2:1-11 NKJV

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

“The conscious water saw its Master and blushed.”

- Unknown Author

John 3:1-21 NKJV

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered and said to him, *“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

John 3:1-21 NKJV

5 Jesus answered, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

John 3:1-21 NKJV

10 Jesus answered and said to him, *“Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:1-21 NKJV

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:1-21 NKJV

17 *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

Matthew 12:20 NIV

A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out

Mark 15:29-32 NKJV

29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.”

John 4:7-30 NKJV

7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “*Give Me a drink.*” For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, “*If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.*”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

John 4:7-30 NKJV

13 Jesus answered and said to her, “*Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.*”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “*Go, call your husband, and come here.*”

The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “*You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.*”

John 4:7-30 NKJV

19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

Jesus said to her, *“Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

Jesus said to her, *“I who speak to you am He.”*

John 4:7-30 NKJV

27 And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

John 4:31-38 NKJV

31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, *“I have food to eat of which you do not know.”* Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?”

Jesus said to them, *“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”*

	Nicodemus	Samaritan Woman
Community	Well respected	Ill repute
Education	Theologically educated	No education
Gender	Man	Woman
Response	Serious	Flippant
Nationality	Jewish	Samaritan
Needing Jesus' Salvation	Yes	Yes

Nicodemus vs Samaritan Woman

Exalting Jesus in John – Matt Carter, Josh Wedberg

The road to hell for others is often paved with our good intentions.

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Our motivation for sharing the message of Christianity is that it's not dependent on our power, our wisdom, or our strength. It rests solely on the power of God. We don't win souls. God rescues sinners and graciously gives us front-row seats!

John 5:5-16 NKJV

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, *“Do you want to be made well?”* The sick man answered Him, *“Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”* Jesus said to him, *“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”* And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, *“It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”*

John 5:5-16 NKJV

11 He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, *“See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”* The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

John 5:39-47 NKJV

39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?

Why Unbelief?

People often ask, “If Christianity is true, why do the majority of intelligent people not believe it?” The answer is precisely the same as the reason the majority of unintelligent people don’t believe it. They don’t want to!

-- Paul Little

Who is Jesus?

Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God.

-- C. S. Lewis

Who is Jesus?

Among these Jews there suddenly turns up a man who goes about talking as if He was God. . . . [W]hat this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips. . . . I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him. “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

-- C. S. Lewis

Exalting Jesus in John – Matt Carter, Josh Wedberg

When I was growing up, my parents took the family on a trip from Michigan to Florida. We were so excited! All we could talk about for weeks—maybe months—leading up to that trip was Florida. Just mentioning “Florida” would bring squeals of delight from us as we anticipated all the fun that lay in store. When we finally took that trip, we couldn’t wait to get there. We drove and drove and finally we saw it. There on the side of the highway was a big blue sign with a bright orange sun on it and the word “Florida.” We were so excited my parents pulled the van off the road, and we went over to the sign, lined up around it, and took a picture. Then we took all of our stuff out of the van, made camp around that sign, and spent the next week and a half enjoying the big, blue Florida sign. Of course we didn’t. We got back in the van and drove into Florida and spent a week and a half enjoying it.

Studying the Scriptures without seeing, worshiping, and obeying Jesus Christ is as foolish as making camp around the Florida sign.

Be Alive – Warren W. Wiersbe

Does our knowledge of the Bible give us a “big head” or a “burning heart”?

Matthew 9:2-8 NKJV

2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, *“Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”* And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, *“This Man blasphemes!”* But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, *“Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk?’* But that *you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins* — then He said to the paralytic, *“Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”* And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Mark 2:3-12 NKJV

3 Then they came to Him, bringing a瘫痪者 who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the瘫痪者 was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the瘫痪者, “*Son, your sins are forgiven you.*” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “*Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the瘫痪者, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins*”—He said to the瘫痪者, “*I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.*” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Luke 5:18-26 NKJV

18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, *“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”* And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, *“Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”*—He said to the man who was paralyzed, *“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”* Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

#	Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana				2:1-11
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee				4:43-54
3	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum		1:21-27	4:31-36	
4	Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
5	Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening	8:16-17	1:32-34	4:40-41	
6	First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret				5:1-11
7	Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-14	
8	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum	8:5-13			7:1-10
9	Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was Let Down From the Roof	9:1-8	2:1-12		5:17-26

The Bible Knowledge Commentary – Matthew

Credentials of the King (8:1-11:1)

- A. His power over disease (8:1-15)
- B. His power over demonic forces (8:16-17, 28-34)
- C. His power over men (8:18-22; 9:9)
- D. His power over nature (8:23-27)
- E. His power to forgive (9:1-8)
- F. His power over traditions (9:10-17)
- G. His power over death (9:18-26)
- H. His power over darkness (9:27-31)
- I. His power over dumbness (9:32-34)
- J. His power to delegate authority (9:35-11:1)

Mere Christianity – C. S. Lewis

Now, unless the speaker is God, this is really so preposterous as to be comic. We can all understand how a man forgives offences against himself. You tread on my toe and I forgive you, you steal my money and I forgive you. But what should we make of man, himself unrobbed and untrodden on, who announced that he forgave you for treading on other men's toes and stealing other men's money? Asinine fatuity is the kindest description we should give of his conduct. Yet this is what Jesus did. He told people that their sins were forgiven, and never waited to consult all the other people whom their sins had undoubtedly injured. . . . This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken.

The Gospel of Mark – J. C. Ryle

Who can doubt that to the end of his days this man would thank God for this paralysis? Without it he would probably have lived and died in ignorance, and never seen Christ at all. Without it, he might have kept his sheep on the green hills of Galilee all his life long, and never been brought to Christ, and never heard the blessed words, ‘your sins are forgiven.’ That paralysis was indeed a blessing. Who can tell but it was the beginning of eternal life to his soul?

At the pool

Paralytic had no friends

Jesus sought him

Paralytic made excuses

Paralytic doesn't appear to have become a believer

At Capernaum

Paralytic had at least four friends

Paralytic and his friends sought Christ

Paralytic submitted himself to Jesus

Paralytic appears to have become a believer

Paralytic at the Pool vs at Capernaum

Matthew 9:14-17 NKJV

14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, *"Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."*

Mark 2:18-22 NKJV

18 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "*Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.*"

Luke 5:33-39 NKJV

33 Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?" And He said to them, "*Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days.*" Then He spoke a parable to them: "*No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'*"

Exalting Jesus in Mark – Daniel L. Akin

Jesus did not come to reform us but to regenerate us, not to improve us but to make us new.

Matthew 12:1-8 NKJV

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!” But He said to them, *“Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”*

Mark 2:23-28 NKJV

23 Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” But He said to them, *“Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”* And He said to them, *“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”*

Luke 6:1-5 NKJV

1 Now it happened on the second Sabbath after the first that He went through the grainfields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate them, rubbing them in their hands. And some of the Pharisees said to them, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?” But Jesus answering them said, “*Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?*” And He said to them, “*The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.*”

Matthew 12:9-14 NKJV

9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”— that they might accuse Him. Then He said to them, *“What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”* Then He said to the man, *“Stretch out your hand.”* And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Mark 3:1-6 NKJV

1 And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “*Step forward.*” Then He said to them, “*Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?*” But they kept silent. And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “*Stretch out your hand.*” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Luke 6:6-11 NKJV

6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, *“Arise and stand here.”* And he arose and stood. Then Jesus said to them, *“I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?”* And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, *“Stretch out your hand.”* And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Hosea 6:6 Amplified Bible

For I desire and delight in dutiful steadfast love and goodness [hesed – most often translated as loving kindness in the NASB], not sacrifice, and the knowledge of and acquaintance with God more than burnt offerings.

Matthew 11:28-29 NKJV

28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Hebrews 4:1-11 NKJV

11 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

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