

## Mark 3:1-6 **Withered Hand Healed on Sabbath**

<sup>1</sup> And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

<sup>2</sup> So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

<sup>3</sup> And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward." <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✚ As was Jesus' custom, He entered the Synagogue on the Sabbath day. [Luke 4:16, 6:6, Mark 3:1-2, Matthew 12:9]
- ✚ As was expected, those who opposed Jesus (Scribes and Pharisees) watched Him closely to see if He would heal the man who obviously needed healing of his withered hand, **so they could have excuse to accuse Him.** [Mark 3:2, 6, Matthew 12:10, Luke 6:7]
  - ✧ Their hearts were evil because they had evil motive to accuse Jesus for doing good, which would be a violation of **their own interpretation** of the law, and not of the law itself.
  - ✧ How often we are accused of wrong doing, based on someone else's opinion of what they think a Christian should do, when they don't know the teachings of the Lord in the first place. This becomes emotionally prejudicial judgment based on imagination rather than knowledge of truth. This is also a very human trait without godliness at all.
- ✚ Jesus dealt with the situation very wisely:
  - ✧ Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step Forward." [Mark 3:3, Luke 6:8]
  - ✧ Then Jesus asked the accusers: "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill." [Mark 3:4, Luke 6:9, Matthew 12:10-12]
    - ✧ Jesus knew their hearts, and that their motive was to find a way to destroy and kill Him. [Luke 6:8]
    - ✧ Because of their guilty conscience, they kept silent.
- ✚ Jesus looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts. [Mark 3:5, Luke 6:10]
- ✚ Jesus said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." [Mark 3:5, Matthew 12:13, Luke 6:10]
  - ✧ The man stretched out his hand, and the hand was restored as whole as the other. [Mark 3:5, Matthew 12:13, Luke 6:10]
  - ✧ Again we see displayed the power of God and His love for mankind in the person of Jesus, proving again His identity with the Father, God of Israel.
  - ✧ The evidence of the things Jesus did, demonstrate who the person of Jesus is, and His authority.
  - ✧ By their fruit, you will know them. [Matthew 7:15-20, 12:33, Luke 6:43-45]
  - ✧ The evidence is compelling.
- ✚ Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him. [Mark 3:6, Matthew 12:14, Luke 6:11]

- ✧ When evil men want to destroy the Saints, they will not be dissuaded by any amount of good works evident in the life of the Saint.
- ✧ The Pharisees were hard set in their hearts to destroy Jesus and the message Jesus brought regarding the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ✧ They were not satisfied when they had crucified Jesus, but they persecuted the Church for the entire generation after the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- ✧ Even today, those who follow the doctrine of the Pharisees, still refuse to look at the evidence, and like their forefathers, they resist the truth with all their being.
- ✧ No amount of evidence is acceptable to those who have chosen to reject the truth.
- ✧ It is amazing to see the depths of evil to which a religious leader may viciously stoop, just out of envy.
- ✧ Jesus is not only Lord of the Sabbath, [\[Matthew 12:8\]](#) but also God of the Sabbath, and able to interpret the laws of the Sabbath and correct erroneous doctrines of men in regard to the Sabbath.
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  - ✧ The evidence is compelling.
- ✧ The evidence of the things the Pharisees did, demonstrates who the spirit they follow is, and his evil end in the Lake of Fire.
- ✧ We can not serve God and good, and Satan and evil. We must choose, and do so, based on the evidence of the fruit of their works and their words.
  - ✧ Jesus went about doing good. [\[Acts 10:34-43\]](#)
  - ✧ The Pharisees went about doing evil. [\[Matthew 12:14\]](#)
- ✧ Choose wisely, your eternal destiny depends on your choice.