

Sermon Title: Why Jesus Only? Because He Is Equal With God In Compassion

Sermon Text: John 5:10-16

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to recognize the importance of God's compassion in light of false religion.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 compassion related illustrations in this section.

Introduction: Jesus had healed the man on the Sabbath. By healing this man on the Sabbath, Jesus was breaking the Jewish ceremonial law. He was committing a serious violation of ritual and rule of religion. Jesus compassion is heart warming, demonstrating how He and the Father want to reach out to hurting people. Jesus initiated the relationship, by recognizing, approaching, and reaching out to demonstrate Godly compassion. The theme of this section 5:1-7:52 "The Rejection of Jesus a Messiah."

- I. The **contempt** of the Jews. Vv.10-12
- II. The **compassion** of Jesus. Vv.13-14
- III. The **complacency** of Judas. Vv.15-16

I. The **contempt of the Jews. Vv.10-12**

The term (Jews) represents the religious leaders of Israel. Jesus purposely violate the Sabbath, in order to provoke a confrontation with the leaders on the subject of false religion. The display of petty religious legalism by the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Chief Priest, and the secular leaders.

- A. Jesus demonstrates the **initial** conflict of false religion.
- B. Jesus demonstrates the **intentional** conflict with false religion.
- C. Jesus demonstrates the **idea** conflict with false religion.

John 6:2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

John 6:5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

John 6:24-26 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. **25** And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" **26** Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

While not actually breaking any biblical Sabbath regulation the man was violating a rabbinical code that prohibited carrying an object "from one domain to another." Hence Jesus was enticing the man to sin in the Jewish leaders mind. (**John 7:23-24; 9:16-22**)

Exodus 31:12-17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **13** "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. **14** 'You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. **15** 'Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. **16** 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. **17** 'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"

Application:

- 1. False religion and religionists are usually **legalists**. They tend to be more concerned about rules and traditions, than about showing compassion for the pitiful condition of people.
- 2. False religion and religionists are **ignorant** of divine authority.
- 3. False religion and religionists are blind to the love and goodness of God.

II. The compassion of Jesus. Vv.13-14

The compassion of Jesus who is the visible expression of God the Father [*Hebrews 1:3* who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,] stands in direct contrast to the lack of compassion of the Jewish leaders and legalist.

Application Negative:

- A. Signs and miracles are not enough to bring people to saving faith.
- B. The compassion of God is not enough to bring about saving faith.

Application Positive:

- A. The response of man is to worship Christ as God because of His compassion.
- B. The response of man is to remember his salvation because of His compassion.
- C. The response of man is to avoid habitual sin.
- D. The response of man is to fear the judgment to come.
 - 1. Bema Seat Judgment
2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
 - 2. Great White Throne
Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. **14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

III. The complacency of Judas. Vv.15-16

Breaking the Sabbath law was a serious issue to the legalist, and were taught to the Jewish followers. Law after man made law was written to govern all activity on the Sabbath. A person could not travel, fast, cook, buy, sell, draw water, walk beyond a certain distance, lift, fight wars, or heal on the Sabbath, unless life was at stake. Death was normally the result of such violations.

John 7:20-24 The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" **21** Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. **22** "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. **23** "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? **24** "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

John 10:39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

Matthew 21:46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

Luke 6:7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him.

John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.