The Gospel of the King
The Lord of the Sabbath

²⁷ He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."
- Mark 2:27-28 (ESV)

Some **background** on the Sabbath:

The Biblical command – Exodus 20:8-12

It's significance to Judaism …

It's expansion under the rabbis …

And their aim and purpose …

But they missed God's intent and purpose …

Two "**offenses**": "_____" and "_____" on the Sabbath

The **accusation** of the Pharisees:

"… why are they doing what is **not lawful** on the Sabbath?"

The two **responses** of Jesus:

"Have you never read what David did …?"

The real issue is about Jesus – His _____ and _____. (Mark 12:35-37)

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The Sabbath is meant to be a _____ and _____, not a _____ or _____.

Jesus (as God) rightly _____ and _____ what the Sabbath is to be.

The **indictment** of Jesus:

"… he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their **hardness of heart** …"

The **reaction** of the Pharisees:

The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Implications for us:

God's laws are _____ and are meant to _____ us and _____ us.

God's laws are _____, and thru no amount of _____ will we ever meet their standard. Ultimately then, we are not _____ by them, but _____ by them.

That's why the _____ is so good! The Gospel tells us we have a King who kept the Law _____.

The purpose for Sabbath is rooted in something deeper than the _____ of Judaism (which no longer apply to us). Sabbath keeping is rooted in the divine order of _____ itself. In short, we still _____.

But the Sabbath is a foreshadow of an even greater need. We will never find the true rest and peace we seek apart from _____. He is our Sabbath!

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

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