

Conflict with Jerusalem Authorities

Lesson aim: To show how Jesus challenged the false religions of His day, claiming to be equal with God, ignoring their legalistic interpretations of Law, and providing proofs that He was Christ.

Lame man healed in Jerusalem--Jn. 5:1-9

1. *What features of this miracle distinguish it from modern pseudo-miracles?*

Efforts to kill Jesus for breaking the Sabbath--Jn. 5:10-18

1. *How did Jesus answer the Jews charge that he violated the Sabbath? What claim did the Jews understand Jesus to be making?*

Discourse demonstrating the Son's equality with the Father--Jn. 5:19-47

1. *What five claims did Jesus make about himself as the Son of God?*
2. *What four witnesses did Jesus say testified that he was the Christ? How did each do so?*

Controversy over disciples picking grain on the Sabbath--Mt. 12:1-8 (Mk. 2:23-28; Lk. 6:1-5)

1. *Outline six points that Jesus made in defense of the disciples' actions of picking grain on the Sabbath.*

**Healing a man's withered hand on the Sabbath--Mt. 12:9-14
(Mk. 3:1-6; Lk. 6:6-11)**

1. *What was Jesus' response to those who looked at him critically?*

Withdrawal to Sea of Galilee--Mt. 12:15-21; 4:25 (Mk. 3:7-12)

1. *In what sense did Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Is. 42:1-4?*

Research challenge:



Review the details of the OT event concerning David's eating the consecrated bread (1 Samuel 21-22). What concerns did the priest have? What principle do you think governed his willingness to give some of this bread to David and his men?