

Mark 2:23-3:6 Chiasm

What is lawful on the Sabbath.



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1A) 2:23-26 What is not **LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH DAY**;

1a) 2:23 He was going on the Sabbath day through the grain fields; and **His disciples began**, as they went, **to pluck the ears of grain**;

central axis) 2:24 The Pharisees said to Him: Behold, why do they do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?

2a) 2:25-26 He said to them: Did you never read what David did when he had need and was hungry—he, and those who were with him? **26** How **he entered into God's house** at the time of Abiathar the high priest, **and ate the show bread**, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and gave also to those who were with him?

CENTRAL AXIS) 2:27-28 HE SAID TO THEM, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH. **28** THEREFORE THE SON OF MAN IS LORD EVEN OF THE SABBATH;

2A) 3:1-6 Is it **LAWFUL ON THE SABBATH DAY**;

1a.1) 3:1 He entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there who had **his hand withered**;

1a.2) 3:2 They watched Him, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath day, that they might **accuse Him**;

1b) 3:3 He said to the man who had his hand withered: Stand up;

central axis) 3:4-5a He said to them: Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do harm? To save a life or to kill? But they were silent. **5** When He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their hearts;

2b) 3:5b He said to the man: Stretch out your hand;

2a.1) 3:5c He stretched it out, and **his hand was restored** as healthy as the other;

2a.2) 3:6 The Pharisees went out, and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Him, how they might **destroy Him**.