

“HERE IS MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN”

Matthew 12:1-21

Key verse 18

“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.”

1. For what did the Pharisees accuse Jesus’ disciples (1-2)? What two Biblical illustrations did Jesus give, and how do they apply here (3-5)? How do Jesus’ words “haven’t you read...” help the Pharisees and us?
2. What is greater than the temple and why does Jesus declare this (6)? Why does Jesus quote Hosea 6:6 to the Pharisees again (7; 9:13)? What did he teach about himself and what does this mean (8)?
3. Who was at the synagogue (9-10a)? What did the Pharisees ask Jesus, and why (10b)? How did Jesus answer (11-12)? What does this teach about the value of man, the right use of the law, and what to do on the Sabbath?
4. How did Jesus help this man (13)? How did the Pharisees respond (14)? What was Jesus aware of, and what did he do (15-16)? Why did crowds follow him?
5. Read verses 17-21. How did Jesus fulfill Isaiah 42:1-4? What does this reveal about Jesus’ identity and work? How does Jesus treat “bruised reeds” and “smoldering wicks”? How does Jesus bring justice and hope to the nations?