



**Series:** Unexpected Messiah  
**Passage** Matthew 12:1-12  
**Title:** Jesus is Greater than Sunday  
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**Discussion Starter** –How is the title of this sermon “Jesus is Greater than Sunday” and context of the sermon message applicable for us today?

**Jesus is LORD of the Sabbath** (Matthew 12:1:12)

- Why do you think the Pharisees were following and watching Jesus and His disciple? Read Matthew 9:9-13. What pattern do you see here and what significant thing did Jesus ask the Pharisees to do?
- What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus and His disciple of doing for which they determined was breaking the Sabbath law? Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 23:24-25. What insights are gained from these verses? Why do you think Jesus did not use these verses to respond to the Pharisees?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to respond to the Pharisees by asking them a question about the story of David and the eating of the showbread? What lessons can we learn from how Jesus handles His opposition? What understanding was Jesus trying to lead them to?
- Jesus gives a second example to the Pharisees to examine the keeping of the Sabbath in Matthew 12:5. What point was Jesus making with this example about the form and function of the law? What desire and attribute of God is Jesus hoping they will see?
- The Pharisees esteemed the temple as the highest place of worship. What was Jesus’ next response to the Pharisees in verse 6? What was the implication of this statement if believed? Read Mark 2:27-28 and Hebrews 3:3-4. What additional insights do these verse give us on what might have caused the Pharisees to stumble? How might this be applicable to us today in the modern church?
- Read Matthew 12:7-8. What was Jesus point about mercy and sacrifice? How does this tie into Jesus being the Lord of the Sabbath? Read Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:6-8 and Ephesians 2:20-22. What additional insights are gained from these verses?
- In what ways has this sermon caused you to look at how you show mercy to others?
- Read Matthew 12:9-12. How is this an example of the Pharisees zeal for doing what is right in the law ultimately cause them to be spiritually blinded? What lessons can we learn from this example?