

A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK

Matthew 12:1-21

Key verse 12:20

1. When and where did this event take place? (1) What did the disciples do? Why? What did the Pharisees criticize? (2) Why was their act considered unlawful? (Ex 34:21; Dt 23:25)
2. How do the examples of David and the priests who worked in the temple show God's mercy? (3-5; 1Sa 21:1-5; Nu 28:9) Why is Jesus greater than the temple? (6) What did Jesus mean by "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"? (7a) How did the Pharisees condemn the innocent? (7b) What does it mean that Jesus is the "Lord of the Sabbath"? (8)
3. Where did Jesus go? (9) What kind of life problem did a man there have? (10) How did the Pharisees try to accuse Jesus? What example did Jesus give them to show mercy on the Sabbath? (11) What was Jesus' conclusion? (12)
4. What did Jesus command the man to do? (13a) Why might Jesus' command be difficult to obey? When he obeyed, what was the result? (13b) What was the Pharisees' reaction? (14) What did Jesus do after? (15) Why did Jesus warn them? (16)
5. Describe the image of Jesus in Isaiah's prophecy. (Think about the events in this passage). What is Jesus' relationship with God like? (18a) How would Jesus proclaim justice to the nations? (18b-19) What is "a bruised reed" or "a smouldering wick"? (20) How does Jesus care for these people? Why? Why is he the hope of nations? (21)