

## MARK STUDY QUESTIONS - 4

### MARK 2:23 – 3:12

The idea of Sabbath is rooted in God as the Creator who worked six days and rested on the seventh. (Genesis 2:2-3). Moses in giving the law gave the command to keep the Sabbath day. It is spelled out in Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:12-15. Over the years different factions within the Jewish community would debate what work meant and what should be classified as appropriate to do or not do on the Sabbath. For example, they discussed matters like fighting wars or saving life on the Sabbath day. The question of the Sabbath would arise in two incidents and the realization of the increasing popularity of Jesus and the broad support among the people that he was receiving as a miracle worker who was very successful in whatever he did. Here are some questions to consider.

1. What do you observe concerning the different ideas, feelings, practices concerning the law and the Sabbath?
2. What were the main arguments that Jesus was making concerning the Sabbath?
3. If you can, check out a Bible Atlas or map to get a feel for the places mentioned and get a feel for the increasing popularity of Jesus and its impact on him.
4. What are the key truths that stand out for you and what difference does it make to you?