***SERMON NOTES***

**“Who is This Man?” A Study through the Gospel of Mark**

**“The Hardness of the Heart”**

**Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6**

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In Jesus’ day, the observance of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was one of the most important practices of the Jewish religion.

The Sabbath was rooted in God’s creation of the world and His choice to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the seventh day.

The Sabbath was intended to be a gift to God’s people as a day of rest, rejuvenation, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord for his provision.

Jesus wanted the Pharisees to understand their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Him.

When Jesus says He is ‘Lord of the Sabbath’ He is saying He is Lord of creation, Lord of all, and the rightful Lord of your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is angered and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the hardness of the Pharisee’s hearts toward Him and the gospel that can save them.

*Application*

* Do you ever come to church, not with a heart of worship to the Lord but instead a heart of accusation, looking for what you can find wrong or not to your preference?
* Are you like the Pharisees, tempted to be so legalistic that we miss the meaning of scripture and because of this don’t love others as we should?
* Is it possible you too know your Bible or know some things about God, but your heart is far from him God?
* Are there areas in your heart and life where you are still hardened to the Lord and His word?

God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward us in Christ turns our hearts soft toward who He is and what the gospel calls us to.

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