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**LOVING**

**JESUS**  
INSIDE OUT  
UNLAWFUL

## The Christian Faith IS NOT

- ... agreement with theological truth
- ... a set of rules to gain righteousness
- ... a series of religious rituals to grow

## The Christian Faith IS

... a relationship with a person we follow who shows us a way of living that changes us from the inside out to be good people from whom good things naturally flow.

We learn how to be human from Jesus' words and life.

## the Rabbi's Background: Community in the Time of Jesus

When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. <sup>54</sup>Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. <sup>55</sup>"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?" <sup>56</sup>Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

Matthew 13:53-56

## What Actually Makes Jesus A \_\_\_\_\_

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?" <sup>26</sup>In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

<sup>1</sup> Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. <sup>5</sup> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 2:23-3:6

## Jesus - the Rabbi His R \_\_\_\_\_ Claims

God was His f \_\_\_\_\_ - John 10:25-30

His f \_\_\_\_\_ could call God f \_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 6:9a

His f \_\_\_\_\_ were to call each other f \_\_\_\_\_ - John 15:12-13

His f \_\_\_\_\_ were to serve h \_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 5:43-48

**Do you think our current culture of  
"Christianity for me"  
as a plan for life improvement without service  
might make Him angry?**

## Next Steps

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