

Three sabbath healing controversies in Luke

6.6-11

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. **The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him.** Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, **"I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?"** After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. **But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.**

13.10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But **the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath**, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! **Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?** And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" **When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.**

14.1-6

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of **a leader of the Pharisees** to eat a meal on the sabbath, **they were watching him closely.** Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. **And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?"** But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, **"If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" And they could not reply to this.**