

Jesus and the Sabbath

Luke 14:1–6

Main Point

Christ is our compassionate Lord in whom we find rest.

- I. **Setting** — *The home of a Pharisee* (v. 1)
 - A. The Pharisees hoped to trap Jesus in some way.
 - B. Jesus interacted with them in spite of their clear and not-so-subtle agenda.
- II. **Savior** — *The healing of a diseased man* (vv. 2–4)
 - A. The disease *dropsy* was likely *edema*, a swelling of the skin and tissues of the body.
 - B. Jesus, as was his custom, demonstrates a compassion for the man who could do nothing to alleviate his own affliction.
 - C. The question Jesus asks is pointed: “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”
 1. Institution of the Sabbath: Gen. 2:2–3
 2. No work on the Sabbath: Exod. 16:23–30; Exod. 35:2–3; Lev. 23:3; cf. Jer. 17:21–27
 3. Command to observe the Sabbath: Exod. 20:8–11; Deut. 5:12–15
 4. Profaning the Sabbath resulted in death: Exod. 31:12–17; Num. 15:32–36
 5. Sabbath intended to delight in the Lord: Isa. 58:13–14; Ezek. 20:12–20
 6. Jesus on the Sabbath: Matt. 12:1–14; Luke 6:1–11; 13:10–17
 7. The Sabbath was made for man: Mark 2:27–3:6
- III. **Sabbath** — *The purpose of the Sabbath* (vv. 5–6)
 - A. To exalt and delight in God.
 - B. To point to the ultimate spiritual rest found in Christ.