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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Over the years I have noticed a pattern within the Scriptures; often GOD will introduce a truth very briefly as in matter of factly.

Then later, slowly & patiently the pursuing Biblical Passages will explain the meaning of His Words.

Said Verses citing an historical example or a narrative poetic, prophetic, or even a parable of prose.

Likewise the Life of our Christ also follows this exacting informative pattern.

As it should be- because after all Jesus, is literally the Living Word of GOD.

Point being Jesus Preached & Taught by Divine Directive thusly demonstrating or explaining the Godly Doctrines of Holy Writ.

Meaning Christ employed Words of wisdom, Divine parables, or the recounting of individuals with verifiable details of events that only GOD Himself would know.

Often to the astonishment of said persons present.

You know; what or who can be hidden, forgotten, or unknown to GOD?

Jesus instantly knew peoples omissions, agenda's or motivations as well as their joy, pain, or shame.

As in Jesus would say it and then Pray it-

& then my Bible studying friends Christ would prove His authoritative Words Supernaturally.

We having just learned in our previous study that Christ in Jesus has just said "I AM Lord of the Sabbath." Now He proves it:

✠ Again he (Jesus) entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They (Pharisee's) watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Mark 3:1-6 NRSV Anglicized

The Greek here indicates this was a series of events near Capernaum after our Lords return from His first Preaching and Healing Tour of Galilee. Officially this Biblical narrative is the direct opposite of a completely detailed "discourse." This type of presentation being a rather small snippet from a conversation arriving right to the point is known as a "paradigm."

So, what we know- is that Jesus & His Disciples had just literally & bitterly encountered the Pharisee's outside of Capernaum in the grain fields on their way to Worship in the Synagogue upon a Sabbath.

Yes, history and archology do indeed record that each grain, figs, & grapes were grown outside of town on the surrounding fertile fields of the fishing village of Capernaum.

Again as we leaned in our previous lesson that it seems the Pharisees had been following or lying in wait for our Lord Jesus and His followers on this Sabbath as they traveled toward Synagogue.

This is now the second Sabbath controversy on this very same day as the Pharisees had previously made accusations against the Disciples for husking grain and now they had set a trap for Jesus by deliberately placing a man with a withered hand inside the Synagogue on the Sabbath.

The Greek word used here for “withered” means diminished and paralyzed.

While the Pharisee’s are described as “watching” Jesus with a definite negative connotation this being a preplanned “set up” knowing the man with the withered hand must attend Synagogue, all to accuse Jesus of breaking their- the Pharisee’s manmade superstitions of tradition.

All to see if He- Jesus, will break: The Mishnah, m. Shabbat 6.3; 12.1; 18.3; 19.2; m. Yoma 8.6.

Get that?

Manmade rules of Jewish Sages with their commentary and traditions placed upon GOD’S actual Law.

The short answer is: These Jewish addons were against specific human actions on the Sabbath.

Technically Jesus only spoke and the man’s hand was healed. (No Labor)

So- was this even by definition a human labor at all?

It was not.

This was a miracle Spiritually Supernaturally preformed by Christ Messiah thusly Proving His Words as true when the Lord Jesus had informed the Pharisee’s that He was indeed The LORD of the Sabbath.

Christ’s healings was by Divine manifestation of the Holy Spirit within Jesus as a member of the Trinity.

Now we have a treat! From Jerome, Eusebius, & Papias of Hierapolis, each early Church Historians and Theologians we have this: History records the Gospel of Matthew/Levi that his earliest manuscripts were actually titled for whom his recordings were intended for- the Jews.

Yes, the Gospel of “Matthew” was originally called “Hebrews.”

Of course this was before the official Epistle of Hebrews was written.

We have mentioned this before but it does require repeating now as too the intentions of the Gospels. The first 3 “Synoptic” or common view Gospels are of how a man can be GOD.

Matthew: was originally wrote for the Jew- those with a religious mind.

Dr. Luke: was intended for the intellectual Greek, or people desiring deeper detail and meaning.

Mark: has actions, motivations, character & honor purposely brief for those direct like a Roman.

While the concluding 4<sup>th</sup> Gospel of John:

Is from John’s unique Heavenly perspective of Salvation of & by GOD becoming a man.

As in John was given Revelation in Heaven, & then thusly he was tasked and qualified at finally near the end of his natural life to write the Gospel of John.

But for now lets get back to our treat; as previously mentioned the Gospel of Matthew was formerly called Hebrews, as such Jerome had an earlier Hebrews/Matthew manuscript and he details for us in this particular place additional specifics that have since been discarded for brevity.

The man with the withered hand is described as a stone mason who depends on the use of his hands for a livelihood. Hebrews/Matthew records despite the ire and challenge of the Pharisee’s the man had begged Jesus to heal him. His right hand to be specific lest he be compelled in shame to resort to begging for survival. We can also infer that by the injured mans words his calamity was very recent. Jesus was aggrieved & righteously angered against the Pharisee’s for their lack of sympathy for the man with the withered hand by elevating their own selfish interests above this mans obvious need. In fact they had used his unfortunate condition in an attempt to subjugate under their rules the Great I AM as the son of man.

Having failed in curbing Jesus while being presently rebuked and shamed by Christ, the religious elite of Capernaum now rush to the hated Herodians in effort to stir them up against the Lord.

Meaning unto the ruling line of the Herod’s, appointed by Rome whom yet continued to rule in Galilee. No doubt as the Pharisee’s were religiously threatened by Jesus- they were now stressing the Herod’s for His arrest. The Pharisee’s knew it was Herod Antipas who had finally silenced John the Baptist & Jesus had just by Scripture and Miracle Proven He was indeed Lord of the Sabbath.