

Bay City Wesleyan Church -- Bay City, Michigan
January 29, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 01-29-2023
January Teaching Series: ANCIENT WORDS
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Series: Ancient Words

Series Big Idea: The fastest way to misunderstand a person is to suppose we know the definitions of every word they use. Unfortunately, words hold different meanings in differing times and places. The records of Jesus's life and ministry used ancient words from his Jewish heritage. We need to understand these words to understand Jesus and what he said about him.

Text: Mark 2:23-3:6

Title: Which Is Better? To Save a Life or to Kill?

Mark 2:23-28 NET

23 Jesus was going through the grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples began to pick some heads of wheat as they made their way. 24 So the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is against the law on the Sabbath?" 25 He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry?" 26 how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the sacred bread, which is against the law for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to his companions?" 27 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. 28 For this reason the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."
<https://bible.com/bible/107/mrk.2.23-28.NET>

Mark 3:1-6 NET

1 Then Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2 They watched Jesus closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they could accuse him. 3 So he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Stand up among all these people." 4 Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath, or evil, to save a life or destroy it?" But they were silent. 5 After looking around at them in anger, grieved by the hardness of their hearts, he said

to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 So the Pharisees went out immediately and began plotting with the Herodians, as to how they could assassinate him.
<https://bible.com/bible/107/mrk.3.1-6.NET>

There are three broad responses to Jesus.

1. Hard-hearted
2. Half-hearted
3. Wholehearted

Sermon in a Sentence:

God can soften the hardest heart.