

# “JESUS HEALS AND FULFILLS”

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**Two key questions for interpreting the NT:**

1) **WHERE** are we? 2) **WHAT time** is it?

Genesis 2:1-3; Psalm 132

Temple is to sacred space what Sabbath is to sacred time

## **Scene 1: Jesus Heals (Matthew 12:1-8)**

Summary: Through the merciful ministry of Jesus, God’s promised salvation/intervention/reign on earth is now being experienced *outside of the institutions prescribed in the Torah* (i.e. the priesthood/Temple).

## **Scene 2: Jesus Fulfills (Matthew 12:9-21)**

Summary:

- 1) Jesus is the true Davidic and Messianic King (true Israel/true humanity).
- 2) Jesus is the “resting place” where God’s presence now dwells.
- 3) Jesus initiates the new “time” of God’s promised salvation through healing and miracles (and eventually suffering, death, and resurrection).

## **Application: Promises to strengthen our faith from Matthew 12:20-21**

You may “bend” but never be (eternally) broken; your “light” may flicker but will never be (eternally) extinguished!

God will faithfully bring to completion the good work He began in your life/salvation (cf. Philippians 1:6).

God’s intentions toward you are always merciful.

# Family Life Groups

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- 1) Why were the Pharisees so offended by Jesus’s actions on the Sabbath? What does Jesus’s willingness to heal the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath tell us about the purpose of His ministry? What does it tell us about the nature of God?
- 2) How does Matthew connect the ministry of the Servant in Isaiah 42 back to Jesus? What does this tell us about who Jesus is and what He has come to do?
- 3) How does what we learned about Jesus as “Lord of the Sabbath” strengthen your faith and understanding of who He is and how He sees you in light of your failure, sin, struggles, etc.?

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