About The Father’s Business Wed 12/27/23

Luke 2:43-51 NKJV

43When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it;*

44but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day’s journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances.

45So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

46Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

47And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

48So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”

49And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

50But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

51Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

# John 12:49-50 NKJV

# 49For I have not spoken on My own *authority;* but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

# 50And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.

# John 5:16-20 NKJV

# 16For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

# 17But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

# 18Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

# 19Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

# 20For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

# *We are to follow the divine example and do good on the Sabbath.*

# Matthew 12:9-14 NKJV

# 9Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

# 10And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.

# 11Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?

# 12Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

# 13Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

# 14Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

# Mark 2:22-28 NKJV

# 22And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

# 23Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain.

# 24And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

# 25But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him:

# 26how he went into the house of God *in the days* of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”

# 27And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

# 28Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

# Mark 3:1-3 NKJV

# 3 And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

# 2So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

# 3And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Step forward.”

# Luke 13:15-16 NKJV

# 15The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it?

# 16So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

# John 7:22-23 NKJV

# 22Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

# 23If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

# John 14:16-17 NKJV

# 16And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

# 17the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.