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## **Exegesis Paper Proposal**

**Overview:** What is the passage, topic, or theological issue to be investigated? Is there a main claim/thesis that you intend to argue for? If so, clearly state it, with a quick summary of the main reasons and evidence in support of it. Is there a research question that you are trying to answer? If so, clearly state it, and identify any related or subsidiary questions.

- Mark 3:1-6- Is this passage too short for the requirements? The topic here (and theological issue) is healing on the sabbath. My main claim/thesis is that Jesus was being consistent with God's rest as established in Genesis by healing the man in the synagogue.
- The rest established by God in Genesis after the completion of the creation was much more than just not working. Rather, the concept of God's rest in the viewpoint of God in the Bible and Ancient Near Eastern culture was to establish order, something that is countered by sin and disease. The Bible illustrates this desire for God to establish order on numerous occasions such as the Flood, promising the restoration of humanity, the forgiveness of sin, and the healing of disease in the climactic figure of the Messiah (Jesus Christ).
- The research question in this occasion has to do with the connection of God's rest and healing in the sabbath. The attempt here is to demonstrate that these are directly related by exploring the fundamental purposes of God's rest. Subsidiary questions to this research would have to be about the place of sin, disease, and the burdens of being human under sin and death and the rest that God offers to humanity through Jesus Christ.

**Sources/Dialog Partners:** What sources have you identified as helpful for your investigation into the passage/topic you are engaging?

In this proposal, you will identify at least four (4) academic/scholarly resources (*NOT online and/or public domain commentaries such as Adam Clarke's, Matthew Henry's, Barnes' notes, preaching websites, etc.*) which may include any or all your textbooks, modern commentaries, academic journal articles, etc.

- Green, Joel B., and Lee Martin McDonald, eds. *The World of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017.
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- Keener, Craig S. *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament*. 2nd ed. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2014.
- Throckmorton, Burton H. *Gospel Parallels: A Comparison of the Synoptic Gospels, New Revised Standard Version*. 5th ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992.
- Walton, John H. *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018
- Witherington, Ben. *The Gospel of Mark: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001.