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Draft Outline

I. Text/Passage-Mark 3:1-6

II. Observations

In these verses Jesus heals a man on a sabbath, which brings up the debate if that was allowed on a sabbath. In turn, this brings up the discussion what the sabbath meant and what it's all about. What is the sabbath about? What does it have to do with healing?

III. Interpretation

In view of the above questions on the nature and meaning of the sabbath in the context of the Bible, it becomes necessary to go back to where the idea of the sabbath came from and who initiated it. God was the author of sabbath, so what was the point of it? Jesus is the incarnation of God, and so what does he demonstrate when he heals on the sabbath about God's rest?

IV. Application(s)

Understanding the meaning and context of the sabbath from the perspective of God allows us to put into practice more effectively. Also, diving into the Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern context of God's rest informs us of the purposes of rest. One of the purposes of rest in Biblical and ANE context is to establish order. As such, having order in mind we can then go ahead and think of the ways in which as believers or corporately as a church can put into action the principle of God's rest in the form of order.

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