

Discussion Questions for “The LORD of the Sabbath”

1. What new insight did you gain by watching this video? How do you respond to this new insight? How will you realign your life based on this new understanding?
2. In a simple reading of the Gospels, one might think that Yeshua indeed broke the Sabbath, but as we have studied this week, we find that He did not. We examined just a select few of the accounts where Yeshua was accused of breaking the Sabbath. List some other accounts where Yeshua is accused of breaking the Sabbath, how does He answer the accusations? What is the response of His accusers?
3. In the context of this teaching, we briefly looked at the Hebrew word Melechah which is translated as “work” in our English bibles. Contrast the Pharisees and Scribes definition of work in Yeshua’s day with the biblical definition of Work.

4. In Matthew 12:8, Yeshua says, "For the son of man is even master of the Sabbath." We assume that Yeshua is referring to himself in the third person by the title "Son of Man". This title is often used in scripture as a Messianic title. Some examples would be Psalms 8:4 and 80:17, also in Daniel 7:13. But the term "son of man" in Hebrew is "ben Adam" and is an often-used Hebraic idiom meaning "a human being." What are some of the scriptures where this non-Messianic title usage is present? Consider the possibility of Yeshua's use of "son of man" in Matthew 12:8 to be in this general sense.

5. Yeshua prioritized the alleviation of Human suffering above the prohibitions of the Sabbath often quoting from Hosea 6:6. What is the broader context of the Hosea passage? What is the context and theme of the entire book of Hosea? How does this context apply to Yeshua's teaching about the Sabbath?