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# **“BREAKING THE RELIGIOUS MOLD”**

**Luke 6:1–11**

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## **LUKE 6:1-11**

**<sup>1</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. <sup>2</sup> Some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”**

## **LUKE 6:1-11**

**<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup> He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”**

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**5 Then Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”**

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**6** On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. **7** The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath.

## **LUKE 6:1-11**

**8 But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there.**

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**9 Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”**

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**<sup>10</sup> He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>11</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.**



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“I love Jesus but I hate the church” is a theme that keeps reappearing with variations in many settings. So it is interesting to note that Jesus, who in abridged form is quite popular with the non-church crowd, was not anti-institutional...

– **EUGENE PETERSON, THE JESUS WAY**

...Jesus said “Follow me,” and then regularly led his followers into the two primary religious institutional structures of his day: the synagogue and the temple. Neither institution was without its inadequacies, faults, and failures...

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...The temple especially was shot through with corruption, venality, injustice, discrimination... All the same, he didn't boycott the place.

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...A spirituality that has no institutional structure or support very soon becomes self-indulgent and subjective and one-generational.

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# THREE THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT JESUS...

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**LUKE 6:2**

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**LUKE 6:7**

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**<sup>11</sup> At this, the enemies of Jesus were wild with rage and began to discuss what to do with him.**

**LUKE 6:11 (NLT)**

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**LUKE 6:9**

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**<sup>37</sup> As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table.**

**LUKE 11:37-39 (NLT)**

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**38 His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom.**

**LUKE 11:37-39 (NLT)**

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**39 Then the Lord said to him, “You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness!**

**LUKE 11:37–39 (NLT)**

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## **MARK 10:45**

**45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

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