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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE NINE: Healing a Man With a Shriveled Hand (Mt. 12:9-13; Mk. 3:1-5; Lk. 6:6-10)

SURVEY

Jesus restores this hand in a synagogue on the Sabbath day. Keenly aware that His action was condemned by the legalistic and wicked Pharisees who were watching His every move, the Savior demanded from them:

"I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good, or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" Lk. 6:9).

SIGNIFICANCE

- This miracle included the only explicit reference to the anger of Jesus in the four gospel accounts. Note Mark's account:

"And, when He had looked round about on them with anger..." (Mk. 3:5)

- This miracle led to the first plot to kill Jesus. Note:

"Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him." (Mt. 12:14)

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- This episode may well serve as the ultimate illustration of legalism, which places a higher value on a sheep than on a man!
- Jesus had previously explained the divine purpose of the Sabbath and His relationship to it:

"And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." (Mk. 2:27-28)