

The True Lord of the Sabbath **For the week of February 2 – 8**

Big Questions for the week: What religious practices are distracting and actually hurt our faith and practice in Jesus Christ?

Day 1: John 5:1 – 18

Three questions to ponder:

What parts of this passage are surprising?

How does v.17 reframe or re-imagine the purpose of the Sabbath?

Where do you see people have similar incredulous reactions to Jesus or His work today?

Day 2: John 5:19 – 47

Two questions to ponder:

Does Jesus give those listening to Him the freedom to 'like Him' but not follow Him in everything?

How do you imagine the crowds and Jews reacted to the severity of Jesus' message?

Day 3: Matthew 23:1 – 15

Two questions to ponder:

Why is Jesus so aggressive in His treatment of religious leaders?

What practices today among religious leaders might Jesus 'take to task'?

Day 4: Matthew 5:17 – 20

Two questions to ponder:

What crucial relationship does Jesus have with the Law?

How do passages like this impact how we understand Jesus and His approach to the laws of God?

Day 5: Luke 24:25 – 49 (especially v.25-27 & 44-45)

Two questions to ponder:

The entirety of the Hebrew Scriptures point to Jesus, what are some of the OT texts that makes more sense 'post- Jesus'? How does this impact of Bible study today?

Prayer: That we see the miraculous signs of Jesus