



HUNGRY?



BUT FOR WHAT?



MATTHEW 12:1-14 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT)

¹ AT ABOUT THAT TIME JESUS WAS WALKING THROUGH SOME GRAIN FIELDS ON THE SABBATH.



HIS DISCIPLES WERE
HUNGRY, SO THEY
BEGAN BREAKING OFF
SOME HEADS OF GRAIN
AND EATING THEM.



2 BUT SOME PHARISEES
SAW THEM DO IT AND
PROTESTED, "LOOK,
YOUR DISCIPLES ARE
BREAKING THE LAW BY
HARVESTING GRAIN ON
THE SABBATH."



3 JESUS SAID TO THEM, “HAVEN’T YOU READ IN THE SCRIPTURES WHAT DAVID DID WHEN HE AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE HUNGRY?”



4 HE WENT INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND HE AND HIS COMPANIONS BROKE THE LAW BY EATING THE SACRED LOAVES OF BREAD THAT ONLY THE PRIESTS ARE ALLOWED TO EAT.



5 AND HAVEN'T YOU
READ IN THE LAW OF
MOSES THAT THE PRIESTS
ON DUTY IN THE TEMPLE
MAY WORK ON THE
SABBATH?



6 I TELL YOU, THERE IS ONE HERE WHO IS EVEN GREATER THAN THE TEMPLE! 7 BUT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE CONDEMNED MY INNOCENT DISCIPLES IF YOU KNEW THE MEANING OF THIS SCRIPTURE: 'I WANT YOU TO SHOW MERCY, NOT OFFER SACRIFICES.



8 FOR THE SON OF
MAN IS LORD, EVEN
OVER THE SABBATH!"



9 THEN JESUS WENT
OVER TO THEIR
SYNAGOGUE, 10 WHERE
HE NOTICED A MAN
WITH A DEFORMED
HAND. THE PHARISEES
ASKED JESUS, “DOES THE
LAW PERMIT A PERSON
TO WORK BY HEALING
ON THE SABBATH?”



(THEY WERE HOPING HE
WOULD SAY YES, SO
THEY COULD BRING
CHARGES AGAINST
HIM.)



11 AND HE ANSWERED, "IF YOU HAD A SHEEP THAT FELL INTO A WELL ON THE SABBATH, WOULDN'T YOU WORK TO PULL IT OUT? OF COURSE YOU WOULD.



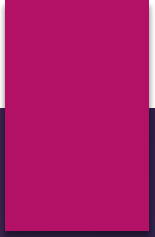
12 AND HOW MUCH MORE VALUABLE IS A PERSON THAN A SHEEP! YES, THE LAW PERMITS A PERSON TO DO GOOD ON THE SABBATH."




13 THEN HE SAID TO THE MAN, “HOLD OUT YOUR HAND.” SO THE MAN HELD OUT HIS HAND, AND IT WAS RESTORED, JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE! **14** THEN THE PHARISEES CALLED A MEETING TO PLOT HOW TO KILL JESUS.



What are you hungry for?



“In politics, humanitarian aid, and social science, hunger is a condition in which a person, for a sustained period, is unable to eat sufficient food to meet basic nutritional needs.”



*“In life, **spiritual hunger** is a condition in which a person, for a sustained period, is unable to eat sufficient **spiritual food** to meet basic **spiritual nutritional** needs.”*

Matthew 5:6 (The Message)


You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

Matthew 11:28-30 The Message (MSG)

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**Do all you can to make
sure you're hungry for
Jesus.**