

# WHAT ARE YOU HIDING



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**The story we're about to hear is one of many  
numerous encounters Christ had with  
the religious leaders of that time**

**It's true meaning will be revealed to show  
what true religion is meant to be**

# True religion is meant to be:

- worshipping and seeking to help those in need
- willingness to stand up and obey
- doing good and saving lives

- righteous anger against evil
- restoring completeness and wholeness to those that need it
- not meant to be destructive

## **Mark 3:1 King James Version**

**3 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.**

**Remember, this was not a life or death illness**

**This unnamed man was not born with a withered hand**

**His hand was handicapped to the  
point where he couldn't use it**



**WHAT WERE THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS  
OF THE WITHERED HAND ?**

**→ forced the man to depend on others**

**→ couldn't work as a normal person would**

**WHAT WERE THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF  
THE WITHERED HAND ?**

**→ Made him feel self-conscious**

**→ Made him feel inferior**

**→ Made him feel envy of everyone with  
“normal” bodies**

**WHAT WERE THE SPIRITUAL EFFECTS  
OF THE WITHERED HAND ?**

**→ Made him look to the Lord for help**

**→ Made him go to the synagogue to pray**

**BLESSED IS THE AFFLICTION  
THAT BRINGS US CLOSER TO GOD !!!**

## **Mark 3:2 King James Version**

**2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.**



**Part of the Pharisees job was to protect the people against false teachers and potential rebel leaders.....**

**HOW IRONIC!!!**

**Always note this about this verse:**

**The Bible says the Pharisees were in the  
synagogue to accuse Christ.....**

**IT NEVER SAYS THEY WERE IN THERE  
TO WORSHIP GOD !!!!!!!**

**HOW MANY PEOPLE COME TO CHURCH  
NOT TO WORSHIP GOD ???**

**The Pharisees are aware of Christ's compassion**

**They know he'll stop whatever he's doing  
to heal this man**

**(Worshipping and seeking to help those in need)**

## **Mark 3:3 King James Version**

**3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.**

**When God gives commands,  
he always speaks with authority**

**These words will bring criticism**

**These words will call for faith from the man**

**These words will unite his enemies against him**

**(Willingness to stand up and obey)**



## **Matthew 9:28 King James Version**

**28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.**

## **Jeremiah 31:6 King James Version**

**6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.**

## **Micah 2:10 King James Version**

**10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest:  
because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even  
with a sore destruction.**

## **Mark 3:4 King James Version**

**4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.**

**There's never a wrong time to do the right thing**

**(Doing good and saving lives)**

**Jesus poses a question to these so called religious leaders, which they cant answer**

**HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW WHO  
TALK BEHIND YOUR BACK,  
  
BUT SAY NOTHING TO YOUR  
FACE WHEN CONFRONTED??**

**True religion isn't just about  
rules and regulations**



**The ceremonial law said no work  
was to be done on the Sabbath**

**IF CHRIST DIDN'T HEAL THIS MAN,  
HE WOULD BE WITHHOLDING DOING GOOD!!!**

## Hosea 6:6 King James Version

**6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.**

## **Micah 6:8 King James Version**

**8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good;  
and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to  
do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly  
with thy God?**

## **Romans 13:10 King James Version**

**10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:  
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

**This is what the Pharisees couldn't understand**

**They were too stuck in there religion of  
ceremony and tradition**

**WE ARE ABOUT TO SEE HOW FAR DOWN  
AND  
DEEP THIS MENTALITY TAKES THEM**

## **Mark 3:5 King James Version**

**5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.**



**The Bible clearly states that Jesus was angry  
with the Pharisees, an anger that would involve  
grief**

**(Righteous anger against evil)**

## **Mark 7:6 King James Version**

**6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**

## **1 John 3:18 King James Version**

**18 My little children, let us not love in word,  
neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

## **Titus 1:16 King James Version**

**16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

**Another authoritative command from the Lord**

**IF THIS WERE YOU, WHICH HAND WOULD YOU  
HAVE STRETCHED OUT ???**

**Christ wanted to see the man's withered hand**

**We must show God our weaknesses and sins**

**(Restoring men to wholeness and completion)**

## **Acts 20:35 King James Version**

**35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.**



## **Galatians 6:2 King James Version**

**2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ**

## **Romans 15:1 King James Version**

**15 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.**

## **Mark 3:6 King James Version**

**6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.**

**The Pharisees have chosen to opposed God, just  
like so many throughout history and in even in  
our modern times right now**

**WHAT DO THEY DO NEXT ??**

**They align themselves with a non-religious,  
political group called the Herodians**

**They have moved so far away from the  
OT ideal for the people of God**

## Deuteronomy 17:15 King James Version

**15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.**

**Despite major philosophical differences,  
there is no difference in behavior  
between these two groups**



**DO YOU SEE HOW THE ENEMIES OF  
GOD WILL UNITE,**

**WHERE THE WORD OF GOD IS  
SPREAD AND SHOWN TO BE TRUE??**

**Power/position/security  
have corrupted so many throughout history**

**How many today go along with questionable  
teachings and false doctrine?**

**(True religion isn't destructive)**

## **1 John 2:6 King James Version**

**6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

## **2 Corinthians 6:2 King James Version**

**2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)**

## **2 Corinthians 6:17-18 King James Version**

**17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.**

**18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**

**IN YOUR LIFE TODAY, WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?**

**WHAT HAS BECOME YOUR WITHERED HAND?**



**Do you keep it hidden?**

**Does it make you feel inferior?**

**Do you display your strong points  
constantly to draw attention away from it ??**

**IS IT FEAR ?**  
**YOUR TEMPER ?**  
**LACK OF SELF CONTROL ?**  
**DRUGS ?**  
**ALCOHOL ?**  
**AN UNCONTROLLED TONGUE ?**

**STRETCH FORTH YOUR WITHERED  
HAND TO CHRIST TODAY !!!!**

**HE WILL MAKE YOU WHOLE!!!!**

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