

## Unlawful Season 2- Episode 6

### Introduction

Matthew and Simon go into the city to look for Mary following her departure from the group camp. As the group worries about Mary's condition and whereabouts, they are also faced with food shortage challenges and news regarding the imprisonment of John the Baptist, following his confrontation of King Herod. Shmuel (the Pharisee) continues to pursue his allegations towards Jesus and the disciples and reporting the perceived blasphemies to Sanhedrin officials.

### Depicted Scripture

- 1 Samuel 21:1-6 David is Pursued by King Saul
- Matthew 12:1-14 Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath
- Luke 6:6-11 Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath

### Referenced Scripture

- Leviticus 24:5-9 Olive Oil and Bread Set Before the Lord
- Psalm 20:7
- Matthew 5:8 Blessed Are Those Who Are Pure At Heart

### Intent

In the Old Testament, the Jews were instructed by God to follow stringent laws as part of their covenant, and as a part of their journey to freedom, directing them towards worship through obedience. Yet repeatedly, they were disobedient. As imperfect beings capable of sin, we fail. With Jesus we have redemption from sin, the covenant has changed, but the world is still fallen. The Holy Spirit can work in us, but it is not a genie, an instantaneous life hack, we will have to commit to building a relationship with Him to truly understand His grace. We must examine our intentions when we choose to accept Christ, how we act versus what we will. And this will come with challenges, we will carry our cross, and rely on Him. Drawing close to God is key (Psalm 24, James 4), because if our heart is not set to Him, how can we begin to know Him? To know the spirit of His laws, not just the letters of them.

### Break Breaker

- Which of these phrases stands out to you the most from the episode, why do you think so?  
He already fixed me once. I'm broke again. I can't face him."  
"Did you really think that you'd never sin or struggle again?"  
"That's not much of a redemption if it can be lost in a day."

### Episode Review

- The episode began with a flashback to David. It ends with the disciples eating grain. What was Jesus teaching about the Sabbath and our relationship to it? (Review Matthew 12 and 1 Samuel 21, and Luke 6)
- Things seemed bad for the disciples at this moment, yet why were the disciples shocked by Jesus' decision to "pray" about things? How do we respond when things seem to be falling apart around us? Why is it hard for us to see prayer as a first step toward dealing with life's issues? (Read Psalm 20)

### Ministry Application

- When we are struggling with sin in our lives, how do we approach Jesus? When we recognize people are struggling with sin how do we guide them to Jesus?
- Mary said to Peter, "He already fixed me once. I'm broke again. I can't face him." It's a common fear after our failure. Have you ever felt that and how did you press through it? What would you tell someone who feels that they can't face Jesus because of their failure?

### Self Reflection

- When it comes to being "good" how do you see yourself? What is your self-perception based on? Does your self-perception change when in the face of trial? How is your prayer with God regarding this?