40 - Luke 13:10-21 - The sabbath law and Jesus

The gospel so far

Firstly, why did Luke write what he did? - Luke 1:1-14, "1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eye witnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught"

Secondly, ... he has ramped up his critique

Thirdly, it is not long till Jesus will be crucified.

Luke 9:51 – 19... Jesus on his way to Jerusalem.

The Sabbath

... a day God told his people to rest and not to work.

Mishnah's Shabbath 5:1-4.

- 5:1 With what [burdens] may cattle go out [on the Sabbath] and with what may they not go out? The camel may go out with its curb, the female camel with its nose-ring, the Libyan ass with its bridle, the horse with its chain, and all beasts which wear a chain may go out with a chain and be led by the chain; and these things may be sprinkled and immersed without being removed.
- 2. The ass may go out with its saddle-cloth if this was fastened on [before the Sabbath]. Goats may go out [with their udders] bound up if this is to keep them dry, but not if it serves to collect the milk.
- 3. And with what may they not go out? A camel may not go out with a rag hung to its tail or with fore and hind legs bound together, or with hoof tied to thigh. So, too, is it with all other cattle. . . .
- 4. The ass may not go out with its saddle-cloth if this was not fastened on [before the Sabbath], or with a bell even though it is plugged, or with the ladder-yoke round its neck, or with its leg-strap.

Healing on the Sabbath

- ... Jesus takes 100% of the initiative
- ... immediately healed and she immediately praises God.
- ... laws to care for animals on the Sabbath but they will not allow people to care for a woman
 - a) Jesus was filled with compassion
 - b) Understanding Jesus purpose

... wants to bring his people back to the real heart of God, that is of grace, mercy and compassion, not some legalistic understanding.

- ... the two parables
- what the kingdom of God is like.
- the gathering of God's people together under God's rule, ... a place for people in need of rest and care to find loving shelter
- kingdom compassion towards others in need, driven by our own experience of gospel grace transformed the entire world, getting into every part of it, like yeast affects the whole dough.

"Satan has kept her bound for 18 long years".

... a direct link between her physical condition and the work of Satan.

"kingdom of God verse the kingdom of Satan".

Luke 11 ... "bind up the strong man"

For us today

a) Kingdom compassion

... how easy it is for followers of Jesus to be legalistic and law driven rather than grace, mercy and compassion driven.

- ... how is our kingdom compassion for others in need going?
- b) Kingdom compassion is gospel driven
- ... kingdom compassion affects the whole world we live in
- ... because it is kingdom living ... it is gospel driven.