

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Mark 2:23 – 3:6

23. And it came to pass, that He, that is, Jesus, went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and His disciples who were wandering with Him began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn, for they were peckish having not eaten since breakfast, and then only some unleavened bread and fruit preserve, for there had not been enough pastries to go round, and croissants had not been invented.
 24. And the Pharisees who bizarrely had been standing in that same field watching, said unto Him, Oi! and behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? And the disciples were puzzled, for they had simply plucked and eaten, and had not rolled the seed in their hands to remove the husk. And they did not believe that masticating was sinful.
 25. And He said unto the righteous Pharisees, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and also when he was an hungered, he, and they that were with him, and without sin?
 26. And they raised their collective eyebrows at Him, and He continued, How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest and Grindleth the verger, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And some did take it and toast it with cheese for their supper. And the leftover crumbs they sold for feed of the birds of the air, two shekels a bag.
 27. And raising His eyes unto heaven in a most un-Markan way, He said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath, and bread is baked for man's appetite, and not for itself alone:
 28. Therefore, and here's the rub - the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath, and Lord of all consumables. Put that in your toaster and eat it! Now let's move to the next chapter.
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1. And immediately, He, the same Jesus as in chapter two, entered again into the synagogue, for He had been there before and they knew Him; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.
 2. And they watched Him, believing that it was the man's sin which had caused his hand to wither and his eyesight to begin to fail (let the reader understand,) to see whether He would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse Him.
 3. And He saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And the man did stand forth as he was commanded. And He saith unto him, Cover thyself for the stable door is open, and he did so, albeit with a super-puzzled expression at the mention of stable door.
 4. And He saith unto them that watcheth aghast, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? to allow or censure what is done in secret? But they held their peace, and the man held his, still thinking about that door.
 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. No, not that one, that one. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other, which sayeth not much since the other was also a bit deformed. And he was ashamed of his fingernails. And slightly disappointed at a small wart that had stubbornly remained.
 6. And the Pharisees went forth, that is, out of the synagogue, wondering also about the mention of a stable door, and without making an offering of any kind even though the verger did rattle his dish at them, and straightway they took counsel with the Herodians and others of differing political views, but not the Zealots, against him, how they might destroy him, for they were embarrassed and a bit miffed.