

**Genesis 1:26 – 2:3**

1:28 – subdue	(verb)	bring under control
1:30 – beasts	(noun)	large, dangerous animals
2:1 – vast	(adjective)	extremely large
2:1 – array	(noun)	an impressive display or range of a particular type of thing
2:3 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God’s purpose

**Genesis 1:26 – 2:3 (New International Reader’s Version)**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own likeness.  
He created them to be like himself.  
He created them as male and female.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them. He said to them, “Have children so that there will be many of you. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Rule over every living creature that moves along the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that produces its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food. <sup>30</sup> I am giving every green plant as food for all the land animals and for all the birds in the sky. I am also giving the plants to all the creatures that move along the ground. I am giving them to every living thing that breathes.” And that’s exactly what happened.

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six.

<sup>2:1</sup> So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. So on that day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He blessed it because on that day he rested from all the work he had done.

**Mark 2:23 – 3:6**

2:23 – Sabbath	(proper noun)	the first day of the week for Jews; a day of rest. On the Sabbath, Jews were not to do any work.
2:23 – grainfields	(noun)	large area of land where grain is grown
2:23 – grain	(noun)	a kind of crop that is grown and used for food



2:24 – Pharisees	(proper noun)	members of a Jewish religious sect who emphasised strict obedience to the law and to tradition.
2:24 – unlawful	(adjective)	against the law; in this passage it means something that is against God’s law
2:25 – David	(proper noun)	the greatest king in Israel’s history

2:25 – companions	(noun)	people you spend time with
2:25 – in need	(adjective)	not having things that are essential for living (e.g. food, shelter)
2:26 – house of God	(noun)	the building where God dwells and is worshipped by his people. In the time of King David, this was the tabernacle. Later in the Old Testament, this was the temple.
2:26 – consecrated	(adjective)	set aside for God’s purposes
2:28 – Son of Man	(title)	one of Jesus’ favourite ways of referring to himself. It hints at the fact that Jesus is human, and also that he is the one promised beforehand in the book of Daniel who would be appointed by God to rule over everything (see Daniel 7:13-14).
3:1 – synagogue	(noun)	a place where Jews met to worship God and be taught about him
3:1 – shriveled	(adjective)	has become smaller and dried up
3:2 – accuse	(verb)	report to someone in authority that someone has committed a crime
3:5 – deeply	(adverb)	intensely; very
3:5 – distressed	(adjective)	suffering from extreme sadness
3:5 – stubborn	(adjective)	unwilling to change
3:5 – stretch out	(verb)	hold a part of the body out straight
3:5 – restored	(verb)	caused to return to its original condition
3:6 – plot	(verb)	secretly plan to do something
3:6 – Herodians	(proper noun)	a group of Jews who supported king Herod and the Roman Government.

The Pharisees and the Herodians are usually enemies because the Pharisees resent the Romans.

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<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath day Jesus was walking with his disciples through the grainfields. The disciples began to break off some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to Jesus, “Look! It is against the Law to do this on the Sabbath day. Why are your disciples doing it?”

<sup>25</sup> He answered, “Haven’t you ever read about what David did? He and his men were hungry. They needed food. <sup>26</sup> It was when Abiathar was high priest. David entered the house of God and ate the holy bread. Only priests were allowed to eat it. David also gave some to his men.”

<sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath day was made for man. Man was not made for the Sabbath day. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Another time Jesus went into the synagogue. A man with a weak and twisted hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees were trying to find fault with Jesus. They watched him closely. They wanted to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day. <sup>3</sup> Jesus spoke to the man with the weak and twisted hand. “Stand up in front of everyone,” he said.

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, “What does the Law say we should do on the Sabbath day? Should we do good? Or should we do evil? Should we save life? Or should we kill?” But no one answered.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus looked around at them in anger. He was very upset because their hearts were stubborn. Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand had become as good as new. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to make plans with the Herodians. They wanted to kill Jesus.