



# ON THE ONE'S HAND... ON THE OTHER HAND...

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MARK 3:1-6 BIBLE STUDY

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MARK 3:1  
DRY HAND



- And He went into the synagogue again.  
And a man was there whose hand was  
withered. (Mk 3:1, AT)





MARK 3:2  
KEEPING WATCH

- And they were watching Him carefully [to see] if He would heal him on the Sabbath – so that they could accuse Him. (Mk 3:2, AT)



MARK 3:3-4  
LIFE OR DEATH?



- 3 And He says to the man with the withered hand, "Stand up in the middle of everyone." 4 And He says to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill? But they were silent. (Mk 3:3-4, AT)



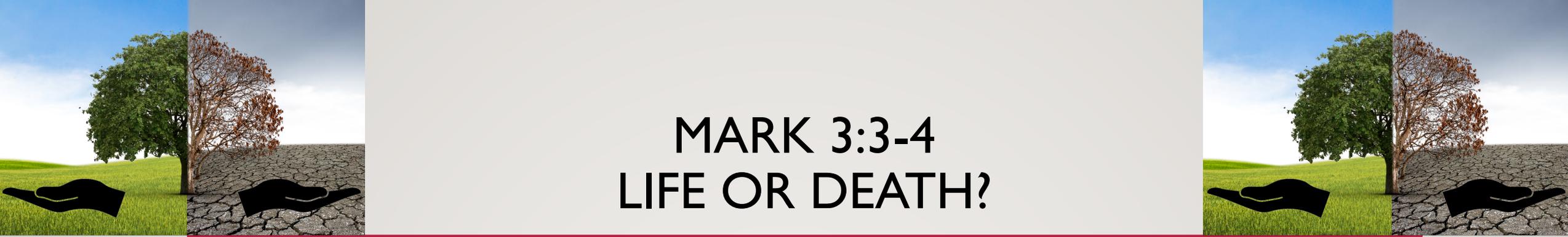


MARK 3:3-4  
LIFE OR DEATH?



- “See now, I have given [before you] **today life and death, good and evil.** (Dt 30:15, Lexham English Septuagint)





## MARK 3:3-4 LIFE OR DEATH?

- 16 For I command you **today** to love the LORD [YHWH] your God, to walk in **obedience** to him, and to **keep his commands, decrees and laws**; then you will **live** and increase, and the LORD [YHWH] your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.
- 17 But if your **heart** turns away and you are **not obedient**, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will **certainly be destroyed**. You will **not live long** in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. (Dt 30:16-18, NIV)



## MARK 3:3-4 LIFE OR DEATH?



- 19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you **life and death, blessings and curses**. Now **choose life**, so that you and your **children may live** 20 and that you may love the LORD [YHWH] your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD [YHWH] is your **life**, and he will give you **many years** in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Dt 30:19-20, NIV)





## MARK 3:3-4 HARD-HEARTED



- And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: “You have **seen** all that the LORD [YHWH] did **before your eyes** in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, 3 the great trials that **your eyes saw**, the signs, and those great wonders. 4 But to this day the LORD [YHWH] has not given you a **heart to understand** or **eyes to see** or **ears to hear**. (Dt 29:2-4, ESV)





## MARK 3:3-4 HARD-HEARTED



11 He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been **given to you**. But to those on the **outside** everything is said in parables 12 so that,

“ ‘they may be ever **seeing** but never **perceiving**,  
and ever **hearing** but never **understanding**;

otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!’” (Mk 4:11-12, NIV)





MARK 3:3-4  
HARD-HEARTED



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Is 6:8, NIV)





## MARK 3:3-4 HARD-HEARTED



9 He said, “Go and tell this people:

“ ‘Be ever **hearing**, but never **understanding**;  
be ever **seeing**, but never **perceiving**.’

10 Make the **heart** of this people **calloused**;  
make their **ears** dull  
and close their **eyes**.

Otherwise they might **see** with their **eyes**,  
**hear** with their **ears**,  
**understand with their hearts**,  
and turn and be healed.” (Is 6:9-10, NIV)





MARK 3:3-4  
HARD-HEARTED



- **Carefully follow the terms of this covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do. (Dt 29:9, NIV)**



## MARK 3:3-4 HARD-HEARTED



- 18 Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose **heart is turning away today** from the LORD [YHWH] our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, 19 one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I **walk in the stubbornness of my heart.**’ This will lead to the sweeping away of **moist** and **dry** alike. 20 The LORD [YHWH] will **not be willing to forgive him**, but rather the anger of the LORD [YHWH] and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the **curses written in this book will settle upon him**, and the LORD [YHWH] will blot out his name from under heaven. (Dt 29:18-20, ESV)





## MARK 3:3-4 RESTORATION



- 1 When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you **take them to heart** wherever the LORD [YHWH] your God disperses you among the nations, 2 and when you and your children **return to the LORD** [YHWH] your God and **obey him with all your heart** and with all your soul according to everything I command you **today**, 3 then the LORD [YHWH] your God will **restore** your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.  
(Dt 30:1-3, NIV)



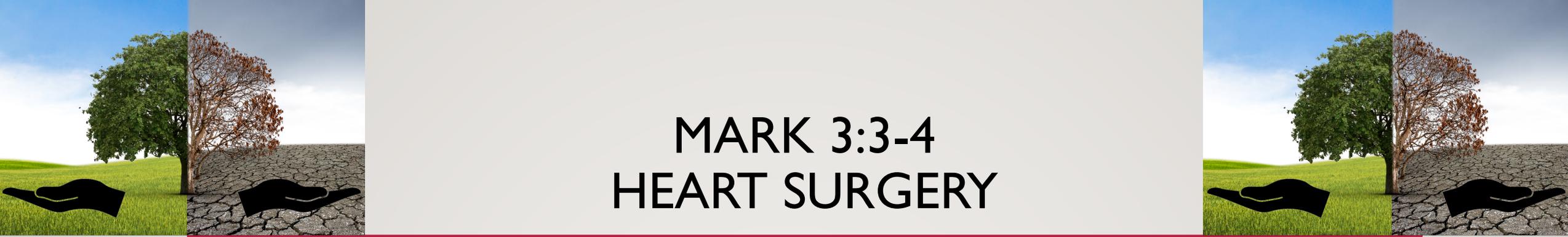


MARK 3:3-4  
HEART SURGERY



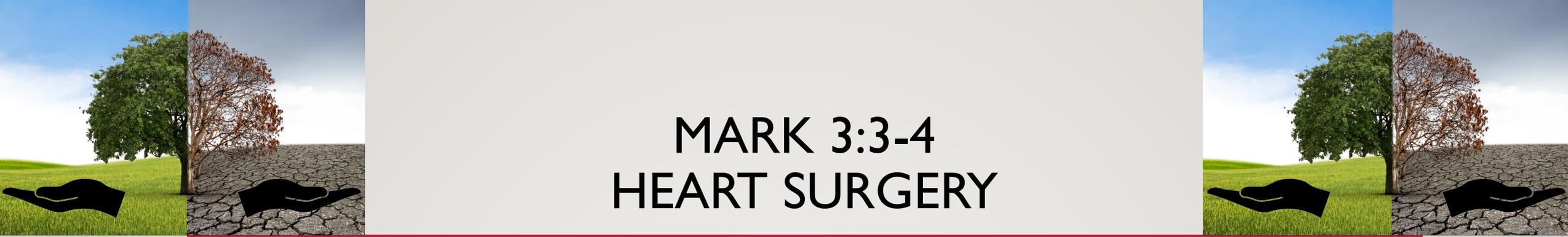
- The LORD [YHWH] your God will **circumcise your hearts** and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. (Dt 30:6, NIV)





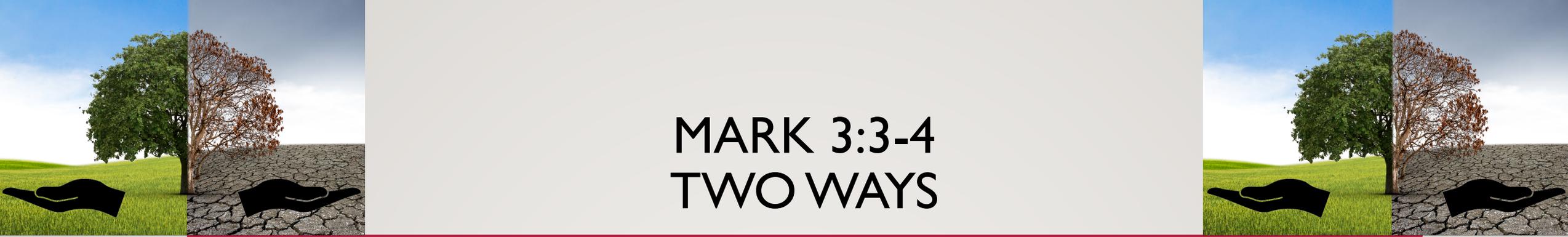
## MARK 3:3-4 HEART SURGERY

- 31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will **not** be like the **covenant** I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because **they broke my covenant**, though I was a **husband** to them,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. 33 “This is the **covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “I will put my law in their minds and **write it on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD [YHWH],’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “For I will **forgive** their wickedness and will **remember their sins no more.**” (Jer 31:31-34, NIV)
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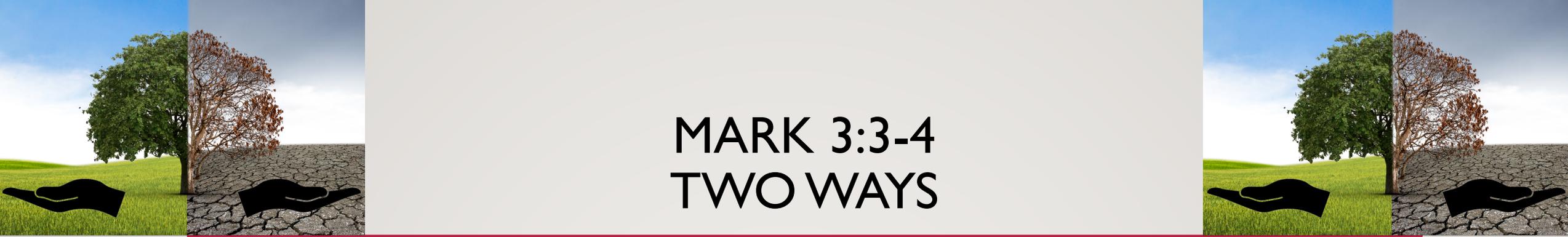
MARK 3:3-4  
HEART SURGERY

- 26 I will give you a **new heart** and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your **heart of stone** and give you a **heart of flesh**. 27 And I will **put my Spirit in you** and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ezek 36:26-27, NIV)
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MARK 3:3-4  
TWO WAYS

- 14 “Now fear the LORD [YHWH] and **serve him with all faithfulness.** Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD [YHWH]. 15 But if serving the LORD [YHWH] seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves this day** whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD [YHWH].”  
(Jos 24:14-15, NIV)



MARK 3:3-4  
TWO WAYS

- 13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to **destruction**, and **many** enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to **life**, and only a **few** find it. (Mt 7:13-14, NIV)



MARK 3:5  
GIVEN A HAND



- And having looked around at them with anger, being grieved by their hardness of heart, He says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched [it] out, and his hand was restored.  
(Mk 3:5, AT)





MARK 3:5  
GIVE(N) A HAND



- 15 If you **choose**, you can keep the commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own **choice**.
- 16 He has placed before you fire and water;  
**stretch out your hand** for whichever you **choose**.
- 17 Before each person are **life and death**,  
and whichever one **chooses** will be **given**.

(Sir 15:15-17, NRSV)





MARK 3:5  
GIVE(N) A HAND



- The LORD [YHWH] will send on you **curses**, confusion and rebuke in everything you **put your hand to**, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. (Dt 28:20, NIV)





MARK 3:5  
GIVE(N) A HAND



- Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation, and you will wear out your eyes watching for them day after day, **powerless to lift a hand.** (Dt 28:32, NIV)





MARK 3:5  
GIVE(N) A HAND



My beloved thrust his **hand** [  $\tau\dot{\bar{y}}$  | *yād*] through the latch-opening;  
my heart began to pound for him. (Song 5:4, NIV)





## MARK 3:5 GIVE(N) A HAND



Behind your doors and your doorposts  
you have put your pagan symbols.  
Forsaking me, you uncovered your bed,  
you climbed into it and opened it wide;  
you made a pact with those whose beds you love,  
and you looked with lust on their **naked bodies** [  $\text{T}^{\dagger}|y\bar{a}d$  ].  
(Is 57:8, NIV)





## MARK 3:5 GIVE(N) A HAND



8 You have set up your memorial  
behind the door and doorpost.  
For away from Me, you stripped,  
went up, and made your bed wide,  
and you have made a bargain for yourself with them.  
You have loved their bed;  
you have gazed on their **genitals** [  $\text{Ṭ}^{\dagger}|$  *yād*].  
(Is 57:8, HCSB; cf. “manhood” in the NASB)





## MARK 3:5 GIVE(N) A HAND



- 1 “Maintain justice  
and do what is right,  
for my **salvation is close at hand** [LXX: ἐγγίζω | *engizō*]  
and my righteousness will **soon be revealed**.
- 2 Blessed is the one who does this—  
the person who holds it fast,  
who **keeps the Sabbath** without desecrating it,  
and keeps their **hands** [ יָדָא | *yād*] **from doing any evil.**” (Is 56:1-2, NIV)





MARK 3:5  
GIVE(N) A HAND



- and saying: "The [appointed] time has been fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has **come near** [ἐγγίζω | *engizō*]. Repent and believe in the Gospel!" (Mk 1:15, AT)





## MARK 3:5 GIVE(N) A HAND



Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD [YHWH] say,  
“The LORD [YHWH] will surely exclude me from his people.”  
And let no **eunuch** complain,  
“I am only a **dry tree.**” (Is 56:3, NIV)





MARK 3:5  
GIVE(N) A HAND



- No one who has been **emasculated** by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of the LORD [YHWH]. (Dt 23:1, NIV)





## MARK 3:5 GIVE(N) A HAND



4 For this is what the LORD [YHWH] says:

“To the **eunuchs** who keep my **Sabbaths**,  
who choose what pleases me  
and hold fast to my covenant—

5 to them I will give within my temple and its walls

a **memorial** [(lit. **hand**)  $\text{Y}^{\dagger}| yād$ ] and a name

better than sons and daughters;

I will give them an everlasting name

that will endure forever. (Is 56:4-5, NIV)





MARK 3:6  
LIFE OR DEATH



- And after leaving, straight away, the Pharisees began plotting against Him with the Herodians [concerning] how they might destroy Him. (Mk 3:6, AT)
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MARK 3:6  
LIFE OR DEATH

- 14 “ ‘Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be **put to death**; those who do any work on that day must be **cut off from their people**. 15 For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD [YHWH]. Whoever **does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death**. (Ex 31:14-15, NIV)



MARK 3:6  
LIFE OR DEATH

- For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of sabbath rest to the LORD [YHWH]. Whoever does any work on it is to be **put to death**. (Ex 35:2, NIV)