



## WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO JESUS?

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**Slide 2** If I ask you how your day was yesterday, you might say:

**Slide 3** - What a strange question?

*Absolutely, it is likely that there was little difference between today and yesterday no big changes, or big surprises.*

We are going to look at **Slide 4** a typical day in the life of Jesus when He was on earth.

**Slide 5** How did he spend his time? **Slide 6** Did he have a day off, or did he go on vacation?

*Listen to this story and then you can answer my question:*

**Slide 7** - What was most important to Jesus?

## **Slide 8** THIS IS THE SABBATH, IS JESUS GOING TO REST?

**Slide 9** When is your day off? On Sunday? In many countries, in fact, it is **Slide 10** on Sunday, but for **Slide 11** the Jews it is on Saturday, for Saturday is the Sabbath.

The Sabbath begins on Friday evening and ends on Saturday evening. On the Sabbath day we do not work, for it is a day of rest. **Slide 12** We remember that God created everything in 6 days and that on **Slide 13** the 7th day He rested. On the 7th day, we think of Him in particular.

So, what do the Jews do? Well, **Slide 14** they go to the synagogue, a place where they come together to pray and worship God.

So, on the Sabbath, **Slide 15** Jesus and his disciples went to the synagogue.

Jesus **Slide 16** would read the Word of God and explain it. Imagine all these people who were there listening, they were very close to him, they were silent, for they loved to listen to him, for His words were a source of comfort. **Slide 17** They encouraged them to love God more and more!

But suddenly, **Slide 18** a very agitated man arrived. Everyone stepped aside.

**Slide 19** - What do you want from us, Jesus? He shouted out, **Slide 20** you have come to ruin us. I know who you are: you are - the Messiah! The savior!

An evil spirit was in this man and it made him very miserable.

**Slide 21** - Be silent, and come out of this man! Jesus told him.

**Slide 22** Immediately the evil spirit came out and the man was calm, quiet, and at peace. People were amazed. They looked at each other in wonder.

**Slide 23**- Did you see how Jesus spoke? They said, and how the wicked spirit obeyed His word!

- Nobody can do that!

**Slide 24** - It is the power of God in our midst!

**Slide 25** They kept on talking about what they had just seen.

Jesus and his disciples **Slide 26** left the synagogue. They were invited to eat at Pierre and André's. Do you remember **Slide 27** Peter and Andrew; we talked about them in our last story. They were fishermen.

So, maybe **Slide 28** a good fish dish was ready for them. Mmm, you can just smell **Slide 29** the delicious grilled fish. In fact, there was nothing ready for the meal!

**Slide 30** - We're sorry, it's normally Peter's mother in-law who prepares the meal, explained someone but she can't get out of bed, **Slide 31** she's burning with fever. She can't even stand!

**Slide 32** Jesus approached her, took her hand and said:

**Slide 33** - Fever! Leave her! He ordered.

The fever immediately left her. **Slide 34** She got up.

- Glory to God, she shouted, thank you Jesus, I am completely healed!

Can you guess what happened next? Yes! She started to cook a meal and joyfully,

**Slide 35** she served a good meal to her guests.

What an unforgettable Sabbath day! The disciples were amazed at what they had just experienced.

**Slide 36** The sun was setting, and the time to take some well-deserved rest was approaching. Suddenly, from the house people could be heard, children were running.

**Slide 37** - We've come to see Jesus.

- We want to see Jesus."

**Slide 38** - I am bringing my little one who is sick to be cured.

- My wife is blind!

- I also want to be healed.

**Slide 39** - My son is tormented, he is so unhappy!

In next to no time, the whole city was there, **Slide 40** in front of Peter's house, bringing with

them the sick, infirm and those who were suffering.

**Slide 41** What was Jesus going to do, it was already very late! Can you imagine? Do you think that he's going to hide or send them back or ask them to come back another day?

**Slide 42** He went to see every single sick person, every cripple, and He healed them all.

When they went home, all of these people praised God who had done wonders for them.

**Slide 43** The disciples and Jesus could finally, go to bed. After such a day, they deserved to have a lie-in next morning. But very early before sunrise, **Slide 44** Jesus was already up. He went to a quiet place and there, all alone, he prayed to God, His Heavenly Father.

When He woke up, people were already looking for him, and asked

**Slide 45** - Where is Jesus? We want to see Him, He must stay with us, He mustn't leave! "

**Slide 46** - No, said Jesus, **Slide 47** I must go on my way to others villages. There, I must also preach the Good News of the love of God. It is for that reason that I came.

### **Slide 48** 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*I don't know how you behave when you are very tired? Personally, I'm not always very nice. And you? If your Mom asks you to do something at that moment, you don't really feel like doing it, do you? Maybe, you don't even want to obey...*

*Jesus is not like you and me. We see that in this story. **Slide 49** He is always ready to help those in need.*

*Today he is in heaven, of course, but He has not changed! Do you know He still wants to take care of us because **Slide 50** He wants to do good to men so that they see that God loves them?*

*This is the answer to the question.*

### **Slide 51** 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

*Children are quick to see **Slide 52** their parents' concerns. Should we hide everything from them? What things can we share with them? How much can they deal with?*

*If they see us **Slide 53** talking to the Lord about our concerns, our worries, and **Slide 54** trusting Him, then they will be encouraged to do so in turn. We want **Slide 54** to be role-models for our children, teaching them by example that the Lord takes care of those who trust in Him. When help does eventually come, all the family, even friends, and neighbors can rejoice together and thank the Lord.*

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