

John 9:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

Analysis

'And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.' John notes the Sabbath timing. Jesus deliberately performed a healing that violated Pharisaic Sabbath rules. Making clay was considered 'kneading' (forbidden work). This wasn't ignorance but intentional confrontation of man-made traditions that obscured God's mercy.

Historical Context

Jesus repeatedly healed on the Sabbath (Mark 3:1-6, Luke 13:10-17, John 5:9). Each instance confronted traditions that valued rules over people. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath (Mark 2:27). Jesus demonstrated this by using Sabbath for healing.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why did Jesus deliberately heal on the Sabbath knowing it would cause conflict?

2. What traditions might blind us to recognizing God's work today?

Interlinear Text

ἦν	δὲ	σάββατον	ὅτε	τὸν	πηλὸν	ἐποίησεν	ὁ
it was	And	the sabbath day	when	G3588	the clay	made	G3588
G2258	G1161	G4521	G3753		G4081	G4160	
Ἰησοῦς	καὶ	ἀνέωξεν	αὐτοῦ	τοὺς	ὀφθαλμούς		
Jesus	and	opened	his	G3588	eyes		
G2424	G2532	G455	G846		G3788		

Additional Cross-References

John 5:9 (Creation): And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

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