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But after his brothers left for the festival, Jesus also went, though secretly, staying out of public view. ¹¹The Jewish leaders tried to find him at the festival and kept asking if anyone had seen him. ¹²There was a lot of grumbling about him among the crowds.

Some argued, “He’s a good man,” but others said, “He’s nothing but a fraud who deceives the people.”¹³ But no one had the courage to speak favorably about him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders.¹⁴ Then, midway through the

festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach. ¹⁵The Jewish people were surprised when they heard him. “How does he know so much when he hasn’t been trained?” they asked. ¹⁶So Jesus told them, “My message is not my own; it comes from God who sent me.

17 Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own. **18** Those who speak for themselves want glory only for themselves, but a person who seeks to honor the one who sent him speaks truth, not lies.

19 Moses gave you the law, but none of you obeys it! In fact, you are trying to kill me.” 20 The crowd replied, “You’re demon possessed! Who’s trying to kill you?”
21 Jesus replied, “I did one miracle on the Sabbath, and you were amazed. 22 But you work on the Sabbath, too, when you

**obey Moses' law of circumcision.
(Actually, this tradition of circumcision
began with the patriarchs, long before
the law of Moses.) ²³For if the correct
time for circumcising your son falls on
the Sabbath, you go ahead and do it so
as not to break the law of Moses.**

So why should you be angry with me for healing a man on the Sabbath? ²⁴Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly.” †

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1. Jesus shows the priority He placed on the Word of God.

2. Rejecting the message of Jesus is the same as rejecting the message of God.

3. What is this message?

4. The question is whether men want to hear God.

5. The Law is a mirror to let us see that we are all lost sinners.

6. The people were unaware that the leaders had a plot to kill Christ.

7. We need to be careful not to make superficial judgments.

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