



Text: Matt. 12:9-14

March Memory Verse: Matthew 5:17 (ESV) *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”*

Supplemental Verses: Exodus 34:5-7a; Luke 6:6; 1 Samuel 16:7; Matthew 6:26; Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13; Isaiah 35:5-6; Psalm 147:3

1. The Hardness of Religious Hearts:

2. Man Versus Sheep, No Contest:

3. Jesus’ Heart vs. The Pharisees’ Hearts:

Further Study:

- How would you describe God?
- Have you ever let your schedule, your plans get in the way of doing good for someone?
- The Pharisees wanted to trap Jesus; have you ever been hit with a “gotcha” question? How did you respond?
- How does our society value humans? Animals?
- What exceptions to the Law do you see happen in Scripture for God’s glory?
- Tell of a time you received compassion from another believer. A time you were able to show compassion for another believer.

Action

- Study Scripture to not just get to know God but to grow in your love for Him.
 - Memorize Exodus 34:5-7
 - Be alert for opportunities to show compassion to others.
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NEXT STEPS:
THE GOSPEL EXPLAINED

