

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: The Scribes (from blueletterbible.org)

At the time of Ezra, a study on the Law was chiefly the business of priests. (Ezra 8:1-13, and 25) The more highly esteemed the Law became in the eyes of the people, the more its study and interpretation were required. Thus, a class of scholars (Scribes) was developed.

Scribes became the ‘zealous defenders’ of the Law against the upper class in the Hellenistic time.

Extraordinary honors bestowed (Matt. 23:7)

"The honor of thy teacher must surpass the honor bestowed on thy father;
for son and father are both in duty bound to honor the teacher" (Kerithoth 6:9)

As lawyers, occupied in teaching and in judicial functions. (Exo. 23:8, Deut. 16:19, Mark 12:40)

Generally belonged to the Pharisaic class. (Mark 2:16)

Contributed to education in the society.

“Even though we be robbed of our riches and our cities and our other goods,
the Law remains our possession forever.” (Josephus)

Question. How are the scribes described in Gospel Mark?

3. Let Us Read Ch. 3

4. Discussion

- a. How come a man with a dried hand was in the synagogue?
- b. According to verse 8, many people from many areas came to Jesus. How shall we understand this scene?
- c. Jesus went up to the mountain with His 12. Does it remind you of any story? Why do you think Mark didn't mention the name of the mountain?
- d. Why do you think Jesus appointed the twelve?
- e. Why do you think the family of Jesus thought that Jesus was out of mind?

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