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One sabbath day, Jesus happened to be taking a walk through the cornfields, and his disciples began to pick ears of corn as they went along. And the Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing something on the sabbath day that is forbidden?' And he replied, 'Did you never read what David did in his time of need when he and his followers were hungry – how he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the loaves of offering which only the priests are allowed to eat, and how he also gave some to the men with him?' And he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; the Son

of Man is master even of the sabbath.' (Mark 2,23-28)

Jesus often affirms His divinity. He clearly shows that He is above all devotional and liturgical prescriptions of the ancient Law, because He has come to fulfill it. This revelation of His divinity will unleash the anger of many who will eventually condemn Him to death on the cross. Are we ready to follow Him even when our lives are burdened with difficulties and sacrifices? We must never forget that Jesus, the King of our lives, will lead us down narrow paths, not spacious and easy ones.