

GOSPEL PEARLS

When evil appears to prevail

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On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. (Luke 6: 6-11)

For those who hated Jesus, every miracle he performed wasn't an opportunity for conversion. On the contrary, His miracles fed their hostility. Eventually His enemies decided to kill Him, believing that they would be able to stop His preaching forever. Jesus's adversaries today reason and act in the same way. However, they do not realize that all their efforts are useless because the Word of Jesus will always be proclaimed throughout the world. Even when evil appears to prevail, let us remember that the Word of Jesus cannot ever be undone.