

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 10

Read Mark 2:18 – 22

Introduction: *The danger of trying to put something new on something old is clear in the illustration of a garment and its patch. But the same principle was true for wineskins. A wineskin expanded under the pressure of fermentation. So if new and unfermented wine was put in an old and brittle wineskin, it was sure to burst. Jesus' point was made clear by these examples. You can't fit His new life into the old forms. Jesus traded fasting for feasting; sackcloth and ashes for a robe of righteousness; a spirit of heaviness for a garment of praise; mourning for joy; and law for grace.*

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1. There is a time to fast and a time to rejoice. What was John the Baptist's attitude and action according to John 3:29 – 30?
 - According to Luke 18:9 – 14 what was the main point of the parable Jesus told about the Pharisee and the tax collector?
 - Have you ever thought more highly of yourself and then perhaps becoming self-righteous in your view of others? (Explain)

2. According to Mark 2:18 – 20 what was Jesus' answer to their question *"Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"*

3. One of the reasons the Pharisees fasted was for the arrival of the Messiah. What was Jesus actually saying to them concerning who He is?

- What was Jesus revealing for the first time in Mark 2:20?
(Read Mark 8:31, John 14:1 – 3 and Acts 1:9 – 11)

4. Jesus did not come to patch up the old religious system of Judaism with its rules and traditions. His purpose was to fulfill the requirements of the law and to give Himself as the perfect sacrifice for man's sin, offering forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God. How do the two stories in Mark 2:21 – 22 best illustrate this?

Old and New Cloth:

New Wine into Old Wine Skins:

5. How has Jesus made you new since you gave your life to Him?
(Compare with 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:4, Ephesians 4:17 – 24)