A Question of Propriety

Faithful Disciples of Christ must tell the time and live righteously within that time.

14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we
and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” 15 And
Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as
the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the
bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16
No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the
patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. 17
Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst
and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine
is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

Matthew 9:14–17

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the scribes *said to themselves*, “This man is blaspheming.”

[the Pharisees] *said to his disciples*, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

the disciples of John *came to Him*, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”

Events:

- A Wedding with Guests and a Bridegroom
- The capture of the bridegroom

Objects:

- New cloth, old garment
- New wine, old wineskins
- Fresh wineskins

Question: What behavior is proper for God’s righteous people?

Answer: What time is it? Celebration or Mourning? What scene is on the stage right now?

20 For I tell you, unless your
righteousness exceeds that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will never
enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

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26 And I will give you a new heart, and
a new spirit I will put within you. And I
will remove the heart of stone from
your flesh and give you a heart of
flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

Matthew 11:2–6

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