

March 6 & 7, 2021

SURPRISED BY A SAVIOR

A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

New instead of Old

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Surprise #1: They were surprised by Jesus' authority.

Mark 2:12 *He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*

The Old Way was to identify Jesus as a teacher and healer.

The New Way is to identify Jesus as God.

Surprise #2: They were surprised by Jesus' associations.

Mark 2:17 *On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

The Old Way was separating yourself from people.

The New Way is serving people.

The church is a hospital. You are medics!

C. T. Studd said, "Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop, within a yard of hell."

Surprise #3: They were surprised by Jesus' followers not fasting.

Mark 2:18 *Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"*

The Old Way to please God was to perform.

The New Way to please God is Jesus.

Jesus is the bridegroom!

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1. Our old traditions and performances are not compatible with our new faith.

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The self-righteous

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