



The Gospel of Mark Following Christ

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Jesus Calls Levi and Eats with Sinners; Questions About Fasting

Mark 2:13-22

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Theme: The calling of Levi and subsequent banquet with “sinners” highlights the authority of Jesus and the central theme that God’s heart is for people. His offer of salvation is for all who respond in faith. The next episode regarding fasting highlights the nature and recipients of the inauguration of the Kingdom of God. Jesus demonstrates that the old age of promise is incompatible with the new age of fulfillment.

Outline

1. Call of Levi (2:13-14)
 - a. Setting: Teaching by the Lake (2:13)

 - b. Jesus’ Call of Levi and Response (2:14)

2. Dining with “the devil” (2:15-17)
 - a. Setting: dinner with Levi and his associates (2:15)
 - b. Accusation from law experts (2:16)
 - c. Jesus’ response: Proverb and application (2:17)

3. The Question about Fasting (2:18)

4. Jesus’ Response (2:19-22)
 - a. The Bridegroom Analogy (2:19-20)

 - b. The Incompatibility of the New with the Old (2:21-22)
 - (1) A new patch on an old garment (v. 21)

 - (2) New wine in old wineskins (v. 22)

Takeaway: God’s offer of salvation goes out to all but we must recognize our need and respond in faith. God is doing a new work through His Son bringing a new age of salvation that is no longer compatible with the old.

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Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

Mark 2:23-3:6