

KNOWING JESUS



THE GOSPEL OF
MARK

The Gospel of Mark

5-15-22

Mark 2:23 - 3:12

Jesus

Matthew 7

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the ...

... winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ...

... 27 The rain came down, the streams
rose, and the winds blew and beat
against that house, and it fell with a
great crash.”

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Spirit and Love – as understood, defined
and experienced in Jesus = LIFE

Holding to the letter of the law (word),
 while missing the spirit of the law leads
 us to become grotesque hypocrites and
 hard-hearted enemies of the Law-Giver
 Himself.

Remember Matthew 9:13

“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’...”

2:25,26

3:4

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And the heart of the Law-Giver is
Goodness and Life - 2:27

2 Corinthians 3:6

“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

James 1:25

“But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

Jesus is both the ultimate
communication (word, law) from God,
but also the authoritative interpretation
of every other communication of God. –

2:28

He is the decoder ring and the rosetta
stone

John 5:22

For not even the Father judges anyone,
but He has given all judgment to the Son,

v. 27 - and He gave Him authority to
execute judgment, because He is the Son
of Man.

Luke 23:12

“That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.”

What unites those who are so seemingly
different and incompatible?

Herodians = secular progressives – very
political

Pharisees = religious fundamentalist
extremists

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“A common danger unites even the bitterest enemies.” – Aristotle

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Commitment to self-rule; self-autonomy

The Cult of Self is the largest religion in
the world

Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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