

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins--and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

²³One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

New Wine – New Life

Good News Now: The Gospel of Mark

Session 5

Today: The coming of Jesus is the coming of 'New Wine'
– New Life that disrupts the status quo.

DISRUPTION

1. Solemn FASTING or joyful FEASTING?

Mark 2:18-22

2. KEEPING Sabbath or ENJOYING Sabbath?

Mark 2:23-28

3. Doing GOOD or doing HARM?

Mark 3:1-6

Characteristics of Old Wineskins:

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| a. CRITICAL posture | <i>Mark 2:16,18</i> |
| b. Looking for FAILURE | <i>Mark 2:24</i> |
| c. Setting TRAPS | <i>Mark 3:2</i> |
| d. HARDNESS of heart | <i>Mark 3:5</i> |
| e. Plotting DESTRUCTION | <i>Mark 3:6</i> |