

# The *Incredible* JESUS

A Study Through Mark's Gospel

Mark 2:15-17





# **The Servant's New Direction** Mark 2:18-3:6

## **Jesus Challenged Concerning Fasting (Mark 2:18-22)**

**The Situation & Conflict:** The disciples of Jesus are questioned by people as they observed that they were not fasting like the disciples of John or the Pharisees. (2:18)

**Jesus's Response:** Jesus uses three examples to show that things were changing in the world around them. He first explains through example of the wedding that it was a time for rejoicing. Part of that rejoicing stemmed from a new age that He was bringing about through the establishment of His kingdom. He helps to illustrate this with the examples of the new/old cloth & new wine with old wineskins. (2:19-22)



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### **Jesus Challenged Concerning Picking & Eating Grain On The Sabbath (Mark 2:23-28)**

**The Situation & Conflict:** The disciples of Jesus are picking grain and eating them as they passed through the grainfields. The Pharisees accuse them of breaking the laws of the Sabbath Day. (2:23,24)

**Jesus's Response:** Jesus responds reminding the Pharisees that their hero David had broken divine laws concerning eating the bread of Presence. Yet, they recognized David's anointed position and excused him for this. How much more did they fail to recognize Jesus's anointed position as the "Son of Man?" He was the very Lord of the Sabbath! (2:25-28)



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### **Jesus Challenged Concerning Miraculous Healings On The Sabbath (Mark 3:1-6)**

**The Situation & Conflict:** The Pharisees follow Jesus into the temple to see whether or not he would heal on the Sabbath day. They were hoping for another opportunity to accuse Him of "breaking" the Sabbath. (3:1,2)

**Jesus's Response:** Jesus is grieved over the hardness of the hearts of the Pharisees because they could not even answer whether it was lawful to do good and save a life on the Sabbath Day. Again, the Pharisees were missing the point of the Sabbath. (3:3-6)



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## Application Questions

Do we rejoice because of the new salvation that Jesus has made possible through the giving of His life?

Are we willing to embrace the full Sabbath rest that Jesus has established as the Lord of the Sabbath?

*"Then He told them, 'The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. So then, the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.'" (Mark 2:27,28)*