

“Your Kingdom Come”

Jesus has authority over the law – Mark 2:18-3:6

Jesus, Lord of fasting (2:18-22)

“How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them?”
(v.19)

“But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.” (v.20)

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath (2:23-28)

‘The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.’ (v.27-28)

Jesus, Lord of life! (3:1-6)

‘Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?’ (v.4)

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Digging Deeper Questions for small groups or personal reflection

Jesus, Lord of fasting (2:18-22)

Why didn't Jesus fast twice a week like the Pharisees?

What is Jesus saying through his parables of the new patch and the new wine?

Do you find joy in knowing Jesus? How would you respond to someone who says, 'Christianity is boring, irrelevant, & full of rules?'

So, what place can fasting have for us as Christians?

Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath (2:23-28)

What was Jesus' issue with the Pharisees over this incident on the Sabbath?

What sorts of man-made rules can get added to the Bible and become so precious to us in church life? How do we guard against this?

What is the Sabbath idea really all about? How do you 'rest' and make special time with God?

Jesus, Lord of life! (3:1-6)

Why did Jesus choose to heal the man that day?

What was Jesus' whole purpose for coming to earth?

When explaining Christianity, do you tend to talk about church activities or a relationship with Jesus? What should be our focus?