

Following the **Servant** Son



Substance over Form!

MARK 2:1-3:6

SUBSTANCE OVER FORM!

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Value substance over form!



Mark 2:1-12

*Forgiveness &
healing of a
paralyzed man*

SUBSTANCE OVER FORM!

MARK 2:5

Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

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MARK 2:9

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

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MARK 2:9

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, he saith to the sick of the palsy : I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

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Mark 2:13-17: The Calling of Levi



Luke 5:27-28

And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

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Mark 2:15

And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

Mark 2:16

And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

Mark 2:17

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

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Mark 2:18-22



Mark 2:18

And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

Substance of Purpose

- ❖ The bridegroom is here – why fast?

When Christ is present on earth with disciples,
no need to fast!

Substance of Purpose

- No one puts
- ❖ New cloth on old clothes (Luke 5)
- ❖ New wine in old wineskins

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Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-6 Sabbath



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... with the inevitable result that the main purpose of the sabbath became lost beneath a mass of legalistic detail. The rabbis themselves were aware of how much they were adding to the straightforward teaching of the OT. ...

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... As one of them put it, "The rules about the sabbath ... are as mountains hanging by a hair, for Scripture is scanty and the rules many."

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- kneading, baking,
- making two loops, weaving two threads, separating two threads, tying, untying, sewing stitches, tearing,
- writing two or more letters, erasing two or more letters,

Jewish Sabbath Traditions

The 39 categories of prohibition include:

- extinguishing a fire, kindling a fire,
- transporting an object (between private and public domains, or over 4 cubits within public domain),
- reaping – severing all or part a plant from its source of growth.

Mark 2:25-26

And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?

How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

Mark 2:27-28

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

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Mark 3:1-6

*Healing a man
with a withered
hand on the
Sabbath*

Mark 3:4

And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?

Mark 3:4

And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

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