

## Galilean Ministry—Question about Fasting (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 9:14–17	Mark 2:18–22	Luke 5:33–39
<p>14 Then the disciples of John approached him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?”</p> <p>15 And Jesus said to them, “The bridegroom’s attendants are not able to mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them.</p> <p>But days are coming when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.</p> <p>16 But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for its patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear becomes worse.</p> <p>17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the wineskins burst and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are destroyed. But they put new wine into new wineskins and both are preserved.”</p>	<p>18 And John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and said to him, “Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”</p> <p>19 And Jesus said to them, “The bridegroom’s attendants are not able to fast while the bridegroom is with them, <i>are they?</i> As long a time <i>as</i> they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.</p> <p>20 But days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.</p> <p>21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise the patch pulls away from it—the new from the old—and the tear becomes worse.</p> <p>22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine is destroyed and the wineskins <i>too</i>. But new wine <i>is put</i> into new wineskins.”</p>	<p>33 And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often and make prayers—likewise also the <i>disciples</i> of the Pharisees—but yours are eating and drinking!”</p> <p>34 So he said to them, “You are not able to make the bridegroom’s attendants fast as long as the bridegroom is with them, <i>are you?</i></p> <p>35 But days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”</p> <p>36 And he also told a parable to them: “No one tears a patch from a new garment <i>and</i> puts <i>it</i> on an old garment. Otherwise, he will have torn the new also, and the old will not match the patch <i>that is</i> from the new.</p> <p>37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled and the wineskins will be destroyed.</p> <p>38 But new wine must be put into new wineskins.</p> <p>39 And no one <i>after drinking old wine</i> wants new, because he says, ‘The old is <i>just fine!</i>’”</p>

## In Jerusalem—Jesus’ Third Sign: Healing the Sick on the Sabbath (March 27 – April 3, 31)

John 5

**Jesus, in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, Heals a Man at the Pool of Bethesda**

- 1 After these *things* there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool called in Aramaic Bethzatha, which has five porticoes.
- 3 In these were lying a large number of those who were sick, blind, lame, paralyzed.
- 4 [vv. 3b-4 are not found in the earliest and best manuscripts; the LEB translation thus omits them]
- 5 And a certain man was there who had *been* thirty-eight years in his sickness.
- 6 Jesus, *when he* saw this one lying *there* and knew that he had *been sick* a long time already, said to him, “Do you want to become well?”
- 7 The one who was sick answered him, “Sir, I do not have anyone that, whenever the water is stirred up, could put me into the pool. But while I am coming, another goes down before me.”
- 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk!”
- 9 And immediately the man became well and picked up his mat and began to walk. (Now it was the Sabbath on that day.)

**Trouble with the Jewish Leaders**

- 10 So the Jews were saying to the one who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permitted for you to pick up the mat!”
- 11 But he answered them, “The one who made me well—that one said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk!’”
- 12 So they asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up *your* mat and walk?’”
- 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn *while* a crowd was in the place.

14 After these *things* Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “Look, you have become well! Sin no longer, lest something worse happen to you.”

15 The man went and reported to the Jews that Jesus was the one who made him well.

16 And on account of this the Jews began to persecute Jesus, because he was doing these *things* on the Sabbath.

17 But he answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

18 So on account of this the Jews were seeking even more to kill him, because he not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God his own Father, *thus* making himself equal with God.

#### Jesus’ Discourse on the Son’s Equality with the Father

19 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly, truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing from himself except what he sees the Father doing. For whatever that one does, these *things* also the Son does likewise.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he himself is doing. And greater works than these he will show him, so that you will be astonished.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and makes *them* alive, thus also the Son makes alive whomever he wishes.

22 For the Father does not judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son,

23 in order that all *people* will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

24 Truly, truly I say to you that the one who hears my word and who believes the one who sent me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

25 “Truly, truly I say to you, that an hour is coming—and now is *here*—when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the ones who hear will live.

26 For just as the Father has life in himself, thus also he has granted to the Son to have life in himself.

27 And he has granted him authority to carry out judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

28 “Do not be astonished *at* this, because an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear his voice

29 and they will come out—those who have done good *things* to a resurrection of life, but those who have practiced evil *things* to a resurrection of judgment.

30 I am able to do nothing from myself. Just as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my *own* will, but the will of the one who sent me.

31 “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.

32 There is another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true.

33 You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth.

34 (And I do not receive testimony from people, but I say these *things* in order that you may be saved.)

35 That one was the lamp *which* was burning and shining, and you wanted to rejoice for an hour in his light.

36 “But I have a testimony greater than John’s, for the works which the Father has given to me that I should complete them—the very works which I am doing—*these* testify about me, that the Father has sent me.

37 And the Father who sent me, that one has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his form.

38 And you do not have his word residing in yourselves, because the one whom that one sent, in this one you do not believe.

39 You search the scriptures because you think that you have eternal life in them, and it is these that testify about me. [cf. [Isa 42:1–7](#)]

40 And you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.

41 “I do not accept glory from people,

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me. If another should come in his own name, you would accept that one!

44 How are you able to believe, *if you* accept glory from one another, and do not seek the glory *which* is from the only God?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father! The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have put your hope!

46 For if you had believed Moses, you would believe me, for that one wrote about me. [cf. [Deut 18:15](#)]

47 But if you do not believe that one’s writings, how will you believe my words?”

### Galilean Ministry—Lord of the Sabbath (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:1–8	Mark 2:23–28	Luke 6:1–5
1 At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck off heads of grain and eat <i>them</i> . [cf. <a href="#">Deut 23:25</a> ]	23 And it happened that he was going through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and his disciples began to make <i>their</i> way <i>while</i> plucking off the heads of grain.	1 Now it happened that on a Sabbath he went through the grain fields, and his disciples were picking and eating the heads of grain, rubbing <i>them</i> in <i>their</i> hands.
2 But <i>when</i> the Pharisees saw <i>it</i> , they said	24 And the Pharisees began to say	2 But some of the Pharisees said,

<p>to him, “Behold, your disciples are doing what it is not permitted to do on the Sabbath!”</p> <p>3 So he said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those with him, 4 how he entered into the house of God and ate the bread of the presentation, which it was not permitted for him or for those with him to eat, but only for the priests?</p> <p>5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple violate the sanctity of the Sabbath and are guiltless? [cf. <a href="#">Num 28:9–10</a>]</p> <p>6 But I tell you that <i>something</i> greater than the temple is here!</p> <p>7 And if you had known what it means, ‘I want mercy and not sacrifice,’ [<a href="#">Hos 6:6</a>] you would not have condemned the guiltless.</p> <p>8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>to him, “Behold, why are they doing what is not permitted on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>25 And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he had need and he and those <i>who were</i> with him were hungry— 26 how he entered into the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the bread of the presentation, which it is not permitted to eat (except the priests) and also gave <i>it</i> to those who were with him?” [cf. <a href="#">1 Sam 21:1–6</a>; <a href="#">Lev 24:5–9</a>]</p> <p>27 And he said to them, “The Sabbath was established for people, and not people for the Sabbath. 28 So then, the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>“Why are you doing what is not permitted on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>3 And Jesus answered <i>and</i> said to them, “Have you not read this, what David did when he and those <i>who were</i> with him were hungry— 4 how he entered into the house of God and took the bread of the presentation, which it is not permitted to eat (except the priests alone), <i>and</i> ate <i>it</i> and gave <i>it</i> to those with him?”</p> <p>5 And he said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”</p>
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