

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 came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”</p> <p>15 And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they?</p> <p>But the days will come 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 the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.</p> <p>17 Nor do <i>people</i> put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”</p>	<p>18 John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”</p> <p>19 And Jesus said to them, “While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.</p> <p>20 But the 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 a worse tear results.</p> <p>22 No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins <i>as well</i>; but <i>one</i> puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”</p>	<p>33 And they said to Him, “The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the <i>disciples</i> of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink.”</p> <p>34 And Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?</p> <p>35 But <i>the</i> days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”</p> <p>36 And He was also telling them a parable: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.</p> <p>37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.</p> <p>38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.</p> <p>39 And no one, after drinking old <i>wine</i> wishes for new; for he says, ‘The old is good <i>enough</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 by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.
- 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [*waiting for the moving of the waters*;
- 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]
- 5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, “Do you wish to get well?”
- 7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”
- 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”
- 9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet 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 man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.”
- 11 But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Pick up your pallet and walk.’”
- 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up *your* pallet and walk?’”
- 13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing

worse happens to you.”

15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

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

18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

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

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

25 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

26 For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.

28 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

29 and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

31 “If I *alone* testify about Myself, My testimony is not true.

32 There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

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

34 But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

35 He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 But the testimony which I have is greater than *the testimony of* John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

38 You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

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

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

41 I do not receive glory from men;

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 receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and* 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 set your hope.

46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. [cf. [Deut 18:15](#)]

47 But if you do not believe his 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
<p>1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads <i>of grain</i> and eat. [cf. Deut 23:25]</p> <p>2 But when the Pharisees saw <i>this</i>, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”</p> <p>3 But He said to them,</p>	<p>23 And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads <i>of grain</i>.</p> <p>24 The Pharisees were saying to Him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>25 And He said to them,</p>	<p>1 Now it happened that He was passing through <i>some</i> grainfields on a Sabbath; and His disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating <i>the grain</i>.</p> <p>2 But some of the Pharisees said, “Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>3 And Jesus answering them said,</p>

<p>“Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, 4 how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? [cf. 1 Sam 21:1–6; Lev 24:5–9] 5 Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? [cf. Num 28:9–10] 6 But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 But if you had known what this means, ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,’ [Hos 6:6] you would not have condemned the innocent.</p> <p>8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>“Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; 26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar <i>the</i> high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for <i>anyone</i> to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?”</p> <p>27 Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>“Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, 4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?”</p> <p>5 And He was saying to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”</p>
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