

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

Matthew 9:14–17	Mark 2:18–22	Luke 5:33–39
<p>14 Then John’s disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Why do we</p> <p>and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples don’t fast?”</p> <p>15 Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn while the bridegroom is with them, can they?</p> <p>But the days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and then they will fast.</p> <p>16 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, because the patch will pull away from the garment and the tear will be worse.</p> <p>17 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the skins burst and the wine is spilled out and the skins are destroyed. Instead they put new wine into new wineskins and both are preserved.”</p>	<p>18 Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. So they came to Jesus and said, “Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples don’t fast?”</p> <p>19 Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they do not fast.</p> <p>20 But the days are coming when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and at that time they will fast.</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 pours new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins will be destroyed. Instead new wine is poured into new wineskins.”</p>	<p>33 Then they said to him, “John’s disciples frequently fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours continue to eat and drink.”</p> <p>34 So Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?</p> <p>35 But those days are coming, and when the bridegroom is taken from them, at that time they will fast.”</p> <p>36 He also told them a parable: “No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old garment. If he does, he will have torn the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.</p> <p>37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.</p> <p>38 Instead new wine must be poured into new wineskins.</p> <p>39 No one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, ‘The old is good enough.’”</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 this there was a Jewish feast, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool called *Bethzatha* in Aramaic, which has five covered walkways.
- 3 A great number of sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed people were lying in these walkways.
- 4 [vv. 3b-4 are not found in the earliest and best manuscripts; the NET translation thus omits them]
- 5 Now a man was there who had been disabled for thirty-eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and when he realized that the man had been disabled a long time already, he said to him, “Do you want to become well?”
- 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am trying to get into the water, someone else goes down there before me.”
- 8 Jesus said to him, “Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk.”
- 9 Immediately the man was healed, and he picked up his mat and started walking. (Now that day was a Sabbath.)

Trouble with the Jewish Leaders

- 10 So the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and you are not permitted to carry your mat.”
- 11 But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”
- 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up your mat and walk?’”
- 13 But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped out, since there was a crowd in that place.
- 14 After this Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “Look, you have become well. Don’t sin any more, lest anything worse happen to you.”
- 15 The man went away and informed the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the one who had made him well.
- 16 Now because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began persecuting him.

17 So he told them, “My Father is working until now, and I too am working.”

18 For this reason the Jewish leaders were trying even harder to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was also 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 them, “I tell you the solemn truth, the Son can do nothing on his own initiative, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.

20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he does, and will show him greater deeds than these, so that you will be amazed.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes.

22 Furthermore, the Father does not judge anyone, but has assigned all judgment to the Son,

23 so 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 “I tell you the solemn truth, the one who hears my message and believes the one who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned, but has crossed over from death to life.

25 I tell you the solemn truth, a time is coming—and is now here—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, thus he has granted the Son to have life in himself,

27 and he has granted the Son authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

28 “Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice

29 and will come out—the ones who have done what is good to the resurrection resulting in life, and the ones who have done what is evil to the resurrection resulting in condemnation.

30 I can do nothing on my own initiative. 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 the testimony he testifies about me is true.

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

34 (I do not accept human testimony, but I say this so that you may be saved.)

35 He was a lamp that was burning and shining, and you wanted to rejoice greatly for a short time in his light.

36 “But I have a testimony greater than that from John. For the deeds that the Father has assigned me to complete—the deeds I am now doing—testify about me that the Father has sent me.

37 And the Father who sent me has himself testified about me. You people have never heard his voice nor seen his form at any time,

38 nor do you have his word residing in you, because you do not believe the one whom he sent.

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

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

41 “I do not accept praise from people,

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

43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me. If someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

44 How can you believe, if you accept praise from one another and don’t seek the praise that comes from the only God?

45 “Do not suppose that I will accuse you before the Father. The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have placed your hope.

46 If you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. [cf. [Deut 18:15](#)]

47 But if you do not believe what Moses wrote, 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 grain fields on a Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pick heads of wheat</p> <p>and eat them. [cf. Deut 23:25]</p> <p>2 But when the Pharisees saw this they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is against the law to do on the</p>	<p>23 Jesus was going through the grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples began to pick some heads of wheat</p> <p>as they made their way.</p> <p>24 So the Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is against the law on the</p>	<p>1 Jesus was going through the grain fields on a Sabbath, and his disciples picked some heads of wheat, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them.</p> <p>2 But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is against the law on the</p>

<p>Sabbath.”</p> <p>3 He said to them, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry—</p> <p>4 how he entered the house of God</p> <p>and they ate the sacred bread, which was against the law for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests?</p> <p>[cf. 1 Sam 21:1–6; Lev 24:5–9]</p> <p>5 Or have you not read in the law that the priests in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are not guilty?</p> <p>[cf. Num 28:9–10]</p> <p>6 I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.</p> <p>7 If you had known what this means: ‘I want mercy and not sacrifice,’ [Hos 6:6]</p> <p>you would not have condemned the innocent.</p> <p>8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>Sabbath?”</p> <p>25 He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions were hungry—</p> <p>26 how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the sacred bread, which is against the law for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to his companions?”</p> <p>27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath.</p> <p>28 For this reason the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>Sabbath?”</p> <p>3 Jesus answered them, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry—</p> <p>4 how he entered the house of God, took and ate the sacred bread, which is not lawful for any to eat but the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?”</p> <p>5 Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”</p>
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