

# Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

— SESSION 9 —

## A NEW WAY FOR A NEW DAY

In chapter 2 of Mark's Gospel, we have witnessed a few events where the religious leaders have questioned or outright challenged the words and actions of Jesus. There are many reasons as to why they would do this, but most of it boils down to their understanding of the Old Covenant and their practice of tradition. Jesus did not come to honor man's tradition nor did He feel the need to tip toe around wrong interpretations that hindered instead of helped. It's always fascinating that we can have the same book but different beliefs. We can often allow tradition to displace truth and when it does we will be left with ritual instead of reality. This grieves the heart of God and it is still something we do in our day as the religious leaders did in Jesus' day. As we look at our text today I believe we learn some important principles about identifying and avoiding the things that often hinder us from the true path of Jesus Christ.

**Mark 2:18-22** – *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?" 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. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 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. No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."*

### JESUS' WAY WAS IN CONFLICT WITH THEIR TRADITIONS

### JESUS' WAY HAD A DIFFERENT THEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

### JESUS' WAY REQUIRES US TO CHANGE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever allowed a tradition to hold back a truth in your life?
2. What theological interpretations have you learned that held you back in some way?
3. How do we ensure that what we believe and practice are the way of Jesus and not just our way?