

## The Overthrow of Religion – Part 1

Mark 2:13-22

- I. Jesus came to save \_\_\_\_\_ and justify the \_\_\_\_\_. For this to happen He must accomplish certain things:
  - a. Demonstrate His authority over the \_\_\_\_\_ realm.
  - b. Demonstrate His power to reverse the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Demonstrate His authority to forgive \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Demonstrate His authority over \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 2: **13**And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them. **14**As He passed by, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him. **15**And it happened that He was reclining *at the table* in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him. **16**When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?" **17**And hearing *this*, Jesus said to them, "*It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*" **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?" **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. **20**"But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. **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. **22**"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."

- II. 3 rebellious things Jesus did to overthrow the religious establishment:
  - a. He's going to become known as "The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_." Mark 2:14-18; Mt. 11:19; Luke 7:34
  - b. He's going to expose the \_\_\_\_\_ and absurdity of external forms of religion and self-righteousness and works based salvation.
  - c. He's going to show them the true purpose of religion's most sacred day, "The Sabbath".
- III. So What?
  - a. See that however sinful you are, Christ can and will forgive and justify you by grace through faith.
  - b. If you struggle with self-righteousness and legalism, Jesus says in the same story in Matthew 9:13 "but go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion and not sacrifice'" (Hosea 6:6). What does it mean to have compassion? (See Mark 1:41) How can you grow in that area?
  - c. According to the Protestant Reformation, the church must always be "reforming" and not clinging to our old traditions for the gospel to have in impact in culture. What can we do as a local church or individually to help a broken and hurting world know they are welcome to be with us; that we would be like Jesus, "A Friend of Sinners"?