

A New Life in a New Kingdom

Mark 2:13-22

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Six straight passages of the Pharisees attacking Jesus' authority. These are the second and third.

Three Truths About Life in the Kingdom of God

1. Jesus Can _____ Sinners

- The shocking nature of Matthew's conversion!

The healthy don't need a doctor. The sick do.

2. To Follow Jesus, You Must Be _____ of Your Need for Change

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:3

Poor in spirit? - We are aware of our own brokenness, our own sin, our full and utter dependence on God.

2 Corinthians 5:15 - Jesus died so that we would no longer live for ourselves but for Him.

3. The Kingdom of God _____ Change

You cannot continue to live your same life in the Kingdom of God.

New patch on old clothes:

New wine in old wineskins:

In both of these, you don't mix the new with the old.

- Just as you can't slap a new patch onto old clothes, you can't just slap Jesus onto your old life. You cannot receive Jesus without being made new yourself.

Meditation

What has changed about my understanding of God?

What did Scripture teach me about myself?

What needs to change in my life as a result of this sermon?