



FOCUS:

- ❖ First Let's make sure we understand the controversy / conflict.
- ❖ Secondly how does this moment help us recognize and respond to God's presence and activity in our own life.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

4 controversies in Chapter 2.

- Forgiveness — Blasphemy.
- Dinner with Sinners/ Tax Collectors.
- Doesn't Fasting like Pharisees and John's disciples.
- Doesn't Sabbath like the Pharisees. Unlawful

FASTING.

- Mourning or grieving the apparent absence of God's favor and will. Loss, death, tragedy.
- To awaken an increased sensitivity to God's presence and will.

Jesus gives 3 little illustrations/ parables.

They are designed to help interpret the tension people are feeling with Jesus

v 19 Bridegroom	Fasting	Time to Celebrate
v 21 Unshrunk patch	Old Clothes	Pull away and tear
v 22 New Wine	Old Wineskin	Burst and ruin

Examples of obvious incompatibility. The Pharisees are not recognizing the new thing that is happening.

Bridegroom and Newness come from the revival prayers in Isaiah.

Bridegroom: Isaiah 62:5 As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. (GOD).

Isaiah 43:19- See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

What is this NEW THING?—> 1:27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority!

1:14-15 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The gospel —> Good News. It's time! Kingdom of God is near. In Jesus.
Kingdom of GOD = The Will of God = His Authority= JESUS.

LESSONS.

- God has come to renew our relationship with God... marriage.
- To call us into the good news of God's LOVE and WILL.
- We must conform and shape around Jesus. Not the other way around.
- He doesn't fit into our lives. We conform to his life.

2 Cor 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

SABBATH.

vs. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

- See 2:10 "Son of man... authority to forgive sins."
- see Daniel 7:13-14.
- REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND PURPOSE
- Putting himself on level with God. Because God created Sabbath.
- Gen 2:2.
- TO REFRESH AND RENEW EVERYONE WHO FOLLOWS HIM.

HOW DOES THIS MOMENT HELP US RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND to God's presence and activity in our own life?

Following Jesus... like new wine... of God's life bubbling over, expanding and stretching the boundaries of our old way of thinking and living. That stretching is uncomfortable. Creates tension.

Cognitive dissonance is a term for the state of discomfort felt when two or more modes of thought contradict each other.

GOD'S NEARNESS/ PRESENCE CREATES TENSION FOR US.

NEW AUTHORITY. Not our own. Not what others are following.

Tension tempts us to "Pull away" from the new thing Jesus is doing.

We interpret the TENSION as a THREAT. Old ways of seeing ourselves... God... our lives... other people... have to be shaped by the life of Jesus.

THE OLD CLOTHS pulls away from the new patch by staying the same. Allowing the life of Jesus to change us. REPENT.

"The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The more near God comes to us... the more goodness... the more change.

New Wine	Pulling Away/ Bursting	Our world
New identity 1:11	Self righteous	identity politics
New purpose 1:17	Protective and defensive	Introducing others to Jesus
Authority and power 1:22	Controlling	The Bible in our life
Healing and Freedom 1:32	Accusing	Messiness
Forgiveness 2:10	Fault finding	Honesty
Community 2:15	stand outside and judge	Deconstructionism
Inclusivity 2:15	Exclusive	All people
Courage 1:18	Uptight and anxious	Differentiated. Standing out.
Engaged 1:25	Embattled	Compassion vs Combative
Joyful 1:20	Bitter and afraid	Angry and Afraid