



SERMON NOTES

Week 3 March 5, 2023

“The Heart of the Law”

Mark 2:15–17, 21–22, 27; Mark 1:15;

Mark 3:1-6, 21; Matthew 11:29



I. Introduction

- A. The gravitational pull of religion is usually towards some sort of behavioral _____.
- B. Jesus says _____ are more important than the Sabbath.
- C. When religious leaders use the law of God to manipulate people, Jesus was quick to remind them that they were on the _____ side of God.

II. Review

- A. Mark wasn't writing the _____. Mark was documenting Peter's experience with Jesus.
- B. Jesus said “The time has come, the Kingdom of God is _____, repent and believe the good news.”

III. Tension with the Religious Leaders

- A. Jesus said “I have not come to call the righteous, but _____.”
- B. Jesus’ point was that he had not come to tweak something, he had come to _____ everything that's in place.
- C. If the Law is for the benefit of those that God loves, then people take precedent over the _____.

IV. Application

- A. If you are a sinner, you are invited to _____ Jesus.
- B. If you are a follower of Jesus, you are invited to _____ to Jesus.
- C. Jesus says “take my yoke, and you will find _____ for your souls.”

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Whether it's school, sports, or religion, when we focus only on the rules, it can be difficult to remember the overall purpose of something. Jesus reminds us that when we focus so much on the letter of the law, we may forget why the law was written in the first place.

Monday: Exodus 20:1-17

According to the Book of Exodus, the Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses at Mount Sinai. These were 10 of the 613 commandments given to the Israelites. What role, if any, did rule-keeping play in your religious experience? Were you left with the impression that the rules were more important than the people expected to keep the rules?

Tuesday: Mark 2:15-17

Jesus has dinner with many tax collectors and sinners. We don't know if Matthew invited them or Jesus invited them, but Jesus seemed very comfortable eating with people who were shunned by the religious leaders. What stands out to you? What do you think Jesus meant by "healthy" and "sick?"

Wednesday: Mark 1:3-6, Mark 2:27

Jesus makes it clear throughout his ministry, that people take precedent over the law. Is there an area of your life where you are emphasizing rules over people? How would your spouse, friends, or kids answer that about you?

Thursday: Matthew 11:28-30

In today's culture, where many people feel stressed, overwhelmed and overscheduled, Jesus gives us a way to find rest for our souls. What stands out to you? What does this invitation imply about the outcome of following Jesus? What does the term "yoke" imply?

Friday: Mark 2:21-22

Jesus' point was that this new teaching, this unique teaching, this brand new unique worldview was like the new wine and the new cloth. Jesus was saying that you can't take what I'm teaching and put it in your old context, because with my new teaching, I'm creating a brand new movement. What stands out to you in this passage?

MOVING FORWARD

If your view of religion emphasized rules over a relationship with God and others, you're not alone. But Jesus came to introduce a new way of thinking. God loves you more than he loves rules. If you are a sinner, you are invited to follow Jesus. If you are a follower, you are invited to yield to Jesus.

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) conformity, B) people, C) wrong. IIA) Bible, B) near.
IIIA) sinners, B) replace, C) law. IVA) follow, B) yield, C) rest.*