

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)
Sermon: Jesus is Greater than Judaism
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New designs _____ the old structures.

THE STRUCTURE OF _____ CANNOT TOLERATE JESUS' WAYS.

Not one religious' system on Earth does what Jesus did. Every man-made religion says, " _____ do it!" but Jesus declares: "GOD IS THE ONE WHO FREELY GRANTS SALVATION THROUGH _____!"

Fasting was _____ in the Jewish religious system and was part of representing God's _____ for them, on the Day of Atonement.

When Jesus' disciples didn't fast, the others thought they _____.

Jesus says "Friends of the Groom don't fast when he's with them."

Jesus uses the analogy of a wedding for three reasons:

- 1) Fasting was often used to _____, and on the Day of Atonement, it represented solemnness, but since *the Messiah (Jesus) had arrived on Earth (for the wedding)* and would forgive their sins, nobody needed to be solemn or sad!
- 2) During wedding feasts fasting _____.
- 3) The Scriptures prophesied that when the Messiah came, he would be the "groom" coming to "wed" his people. The analogy was fulfilled when Jesus arrived: *he was claiming _____ the Messiah, _____!*

The Law of Moses and the old covenant were _____ (weak and useless according to Hebrews) to Jesus Christ's sacrifice and covenant because they couldn't forgive us permanently or turn our hearts _____ God.

Practical Application Question:

What _____ am I holding onto that cannot accommodate the new life Jesus offers?

Example: Attending _____, praying, fasting out of obligation not a genuine _____ to grow closer to God.

Example: Clinging to traditional methods _____ and resisting new ways that could reach more people for Jesus Christ.

Practical Application: I _____ to help me think through my ways of doing things. Am I stuck in a habit that I can't, see? Have I created my own little religious system and am unaware of it? _____ a growth group, I'll have people who can give me a Godly perspective on my way of thinking.