



MARK: GOSPEL TRUTH FOR A GROWING CHAOS

TRUTH OR TRADITION

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TITUS 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;¹⁴Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD SINNERS

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THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD WORSHIP

MARK 2:18 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.²⁰ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD HUMAN NEED

MARK 2:23 Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain.²⁴ And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”²⁵ But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him:²⁶ how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?”²⁷ And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.²⁸ Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”