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The Gospel of Mark: The Life, Service and Sacrifice of Christ
Jesus Faces Conflict From The Scribes And Pharisees:
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Introduction To The Gospel of Mark:

Mark is the shortest of all the Gospels, containing 16 chapters. It is believed to have been written somewhere between A.D. 55-59, during the early part of the Emperor Nero's reign (A.D. 54-68). Around 92 percent of material contained in Mark is also found in Matthew and about 48 percent is included in Luke. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark does not record any resurrection appearances of Jesus. Mark presents Christ as the Messiah, because He is the Son of God, and presents His death as the suffering Son of Man as God's plan of salvation for the world. Mark's Gospel shows how Jesus cared for His disciples and taught them how to care and minister to others, leading them to faith in Christ. The major source of the material in this Gospel was obtained from the preaching and instruction of the Apostle Peter. Mark also had contact with Barnabas and the Apostle Paul (Acts 13:5,12; 15:39.) Many scholars believe that Mark was the first Gospel written and that Matthew and Luke used it as a source document for their writing.

Printed Text: Mark 2:18-22

Background Text: Matthew 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39

Devotional Reading: Nehemiah 9: 1-3; Esther 4:1-17

Jesus Is Questioned:

Mark 2:18

Jesus Responds:

Vv. 19, 20

The Parable:

Vv. 21, 22

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Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Is fasting a requirement for the saints of God?
2. Should fasting have a purpose? Why or why not? If so, what should the purpose be?
3. Describe the affects of putting new wine in old wine skins and sewing a new piece of fabric on to an old piece.
4. Discuss the meaning surrounding not fasting while the bridegroom is present and fasting after the bridegroom has left.

Next Week - Lesson 8 – Jesus, Lord Of The Sabbath – Mark 2. 23-28