

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. THE QUESTION OF FASTING (MARK 2:18-20)

1. What two groups did Mark say were known for their fasting during the New Testament era? Mark 2:18a
2. In the Gospels, what did Jesus teach about fasting? Matthew 6:16-18
3. What do you mainly think of when it comes to fasting?
4. Did Jesus ever fast? When did this occur? Matthew 4:1-3; Luke 4:1-2
5. What does the Bible teach about fasting that is pleasing to God? Isaiah 58:6-7
6. In the Old Testament what was fasting often associated with? Psalm 35:13; Joel 2:12-13
7. What did the people ask Jesus about His disciples? Mark 2:18b
8. How did Jesus explain why His disciples did not fast? This is the first of Jesus' mini-parables. Mark 2:19-20
9. What do you think Jesus is referring to in Mark 2:20? [Was it the time for Jesus' disciples to rejoice or mourn (fast) while He was with them?]

II. A NEW AND BETTER WAY (MARK 2:20-22)

10. What did Jesus come to fulfil? Matthew 5:17
11. What did Jesus put in place of the Old Covenant? Luke 22:20; 1 Corinthians 11:25
12. What did the New Covenant mean for the Old Covenant? Hebrews 13:9-10
13. What examples did Jesus give through two mini-parables to show that the New Covenant Jesus instituted can't fit in the old ways of Judaism? Mark 2:21-22

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14. What six statements did Jesus make to show He was bringing something new and better?

Matthew 5:21-22

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Matthew 5:27-28

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Matthew 5:31-32

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Matthew 5:33-34

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Matthew 5:38-39

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Matthew 5:43-44

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15. Who prophesied that a New Covenant was coming that Jesus fulfilled? Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:26-28

III. SABBATH COMPLAINT (MARK 2:23-24)

16. What did Jesus' disciples who were with Him do while they were walking through the grainfields on the Sabbath? Mark 2:23
17. Which Jewish religious sect complained about what Jesus' disciples did on the Sabbath? Mark 2:24a
18. What did the Pharisees accuse Jesus' disciples of doing as they walked through the grainfields? Mark 2:24b
19. How do you think the Pharisees knew what the disciples had done? Mark 3:2; Luke 6:7; 20:20 (It began early in Jesus' ministry and continued to the last week before His arrest, trial and crucifixion.)
20. Which commandment did the Pharisees believe Jesus' disciples were violating? Exodus 20:8-11
21. Why did the Pharisees believe the disciples were guilty of reaping, threshing, and preparing food which to them were acts that broke the law of the Sabbath? Luke 6:1

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22. What was the punishment for breaking the Sabbath? Exodus 31:15

23. Was what the disciples did permissible under the Mosaic Law? Deuteronomy 23:24-25

IV. JESUS' RESPONSE TO THE PHARISEES (MARK 2:25-26)

24. What two examples did Jesus give in response to the Pharisees' charges against His disciples of breaking the Sabbath? Mark 2:25-26

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25. What did Jesus want the Pharisees to understand? (Consider the following: spirit of the law versus letter of the law; human needs versus legalism; a person versus the Sabbath; doing holy service.)

V. JESUS' LORDSHIP (MARK 2:27-28)

26. What did Jesus want the Pharisees to know what was one of the purposes of the Sabbath? Mark 2:27

27. What declaration did Jesus make about Himself? Mark 2:28

28. Why did Jesus have the authority to declare Himself as the Lord of the Sabbath?

John 1:3

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Hebrews 1:10

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Matthew 28:18

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29. How is Jesus proclaimed and worshipped as Lord throughout the New Testament?

Matthew 12:8

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John 20:28

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Philippians 2:8-11

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Revelation 19:16

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