

Breakthrough

Writing to a primarily Gentile audience, Mark's account of the life of Jesus provided a breakthrough for people who knew nothing of the God who loved them.

Breaking Out Of A Religious System 2.21-28, 3.1-6

Jesus came to provide an authentic way to God. In doing so, he broke away from all religious systems.

A New Way

21 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.

22 No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins *as well*; but *one puts* new wine into fresh wineskins."

The clash between the old and the new pointed to a larger battle that lay ahead.

The Battle For The Sabbath

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy

23 And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads *of grain*.

24 The Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

25 And He *said* to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; 26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar *the* high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the

priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?”

27 Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Jesus came to free us from the prison of sin and its systems.

The Line In the Sand

Proverbs 3.27 (NIV) Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act

3.1 He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered.

2 They were watching Him *to* see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

3 He *said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and come forward!”

4 And He *said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?” But they kept silent.

5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He *said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 The Pharisees went out and immediately *began* conspiring with the Herodians against Him, *as to* how they might destroy Him.

We can never make it difficult for people to follow Jesus. Jesus didn’t.

Jesus didn’t come to repair the Jewish religious system; he came to replace it.

Man made systems keep us trapped in sin. Jesus came to break us out of those systems and free us from sin.