

Series: Goodnews
Passage: Mark 2:18-22
Sunday: April 12, 2026

This week we will be jumping back into our Goodnews series as we work our way through the Gospel of Mark!

Mark 2:18-22 (ESV)

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

1. Go back and review Mark 1:1-2:17. What stands out? Which passage was the most impactful? What did you need to remind yourself of?

2. What was the significance of fasting in the religious culture of Jesus' day, and why were people surprised that His disciples were not fasting (verses 18-19)?

3. This passage raises some questions about fasting. What examples of fasting in the New Testament can you think of? What place and purpose does fasting have for Christians today?

