

Bible Study 2 - The radical Jesus & reactionary Pharisees Mark 2

How do we respond to a radical change? Many oppose it because it means they have to change. Also it breaks the old leadership hierarchy. Some lose power and influence and some gain it. There are winners and losers.

Some use all the features of smart phones and tablets, while others resist the change. What Jesus did and taught was radically different to the Pharisees. In this study we see the Jewish religious leaders start to oppose Jesus.

PART 1 Read Mark 2:1 – 3:6

Jesus forgives (v.1-12)	Why were the Pharisees upset?
Eats with sinners (v. 13-17)	Why were the Pharisees upset?
A new era (v.18-22)	Why didn't Christ's disciples fast like other devout Jews?
Sabbath rules (2:23-3:6)	Why were the Pharisees interested in what Jesus did on the Sabbath?

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. What fallen conditions of human behaviour required the writing of this passage?

4. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How is Christianity different to the Jewish religion (v.21-22)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let's recognise that although Jesus was the Son of God, some people will always oppose Him.

