



The Gospel of Mark

JESUS

The King Who
Came to Die

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Mark 2:18–22

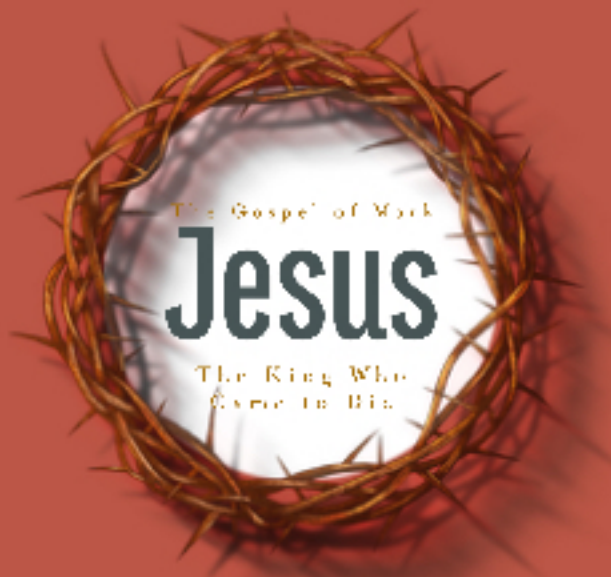


Questions About the Practice of Fasting

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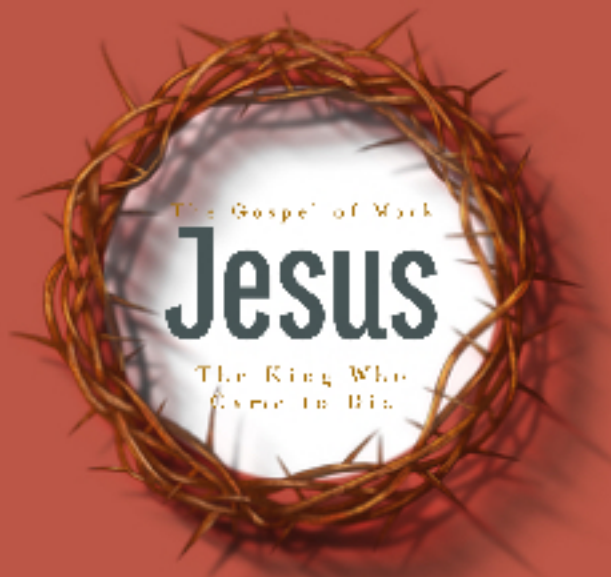
Mark 2:18



Yom Kippur - A Day To Fast

This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work — whether native-born or an alien living among you —

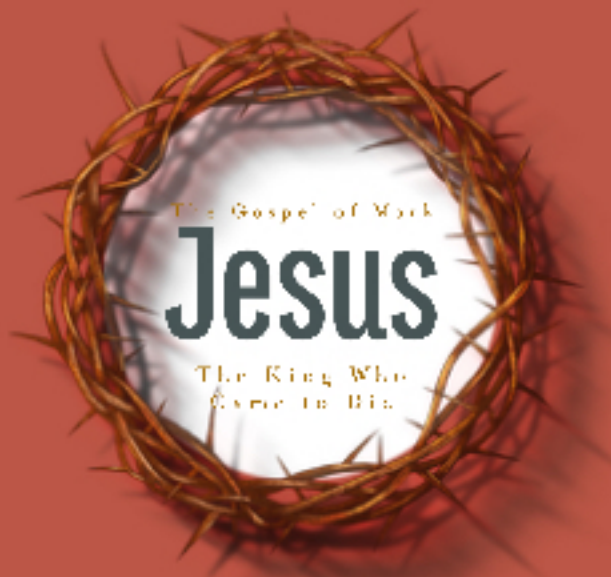
Leviticus 16:29



The Growth of Additional Fasts

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months will become joyful and glad occasions and happy festivals for Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.”

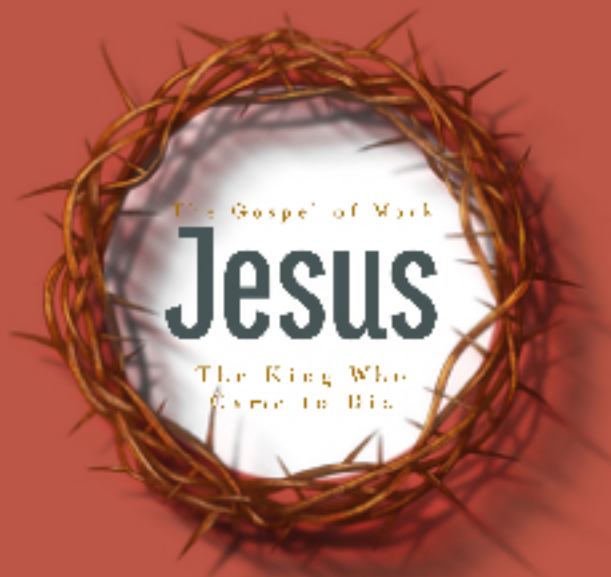
Zechariah 8:19



Fasting - The Practice of the Pharisees

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.

Luke 18:12



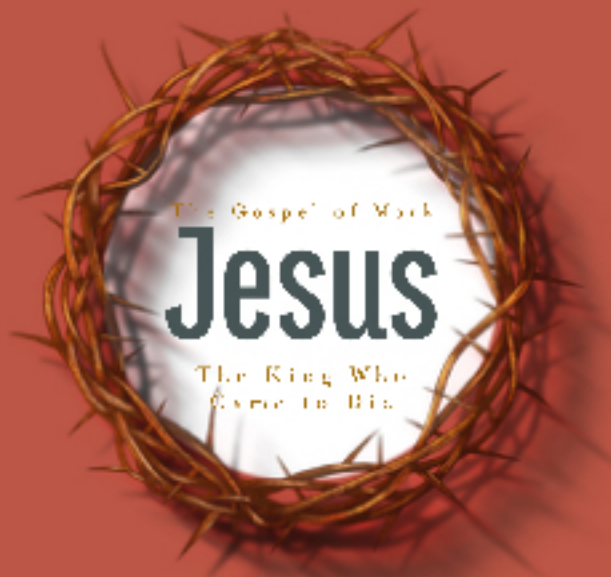


The Son of Man and the New Covenant

Jesus' Presence Changes the Situation

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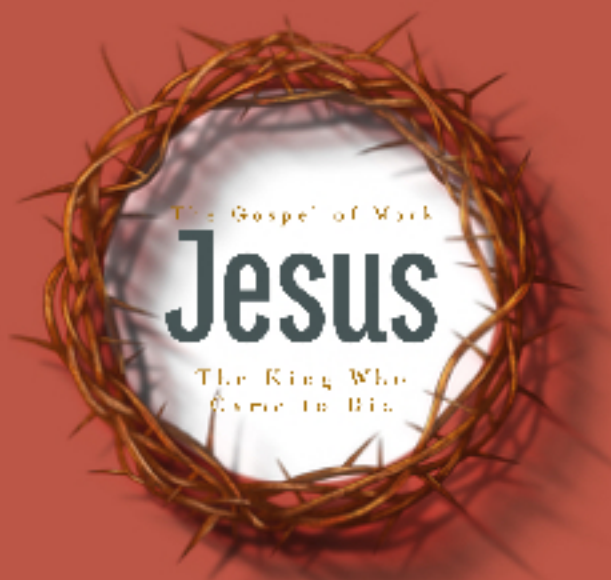
Mark 2:19–20



The New Situation Requires Changes

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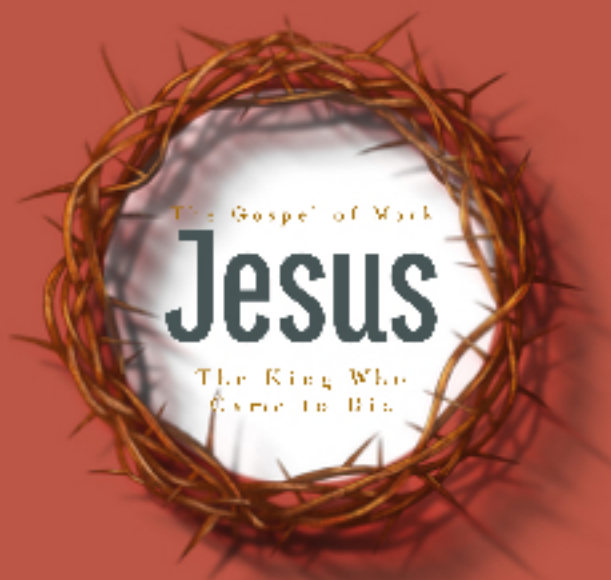


The Relationship Between the Old and New Covenant

Promise and Fulfillment

We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. Acts 13:32–33

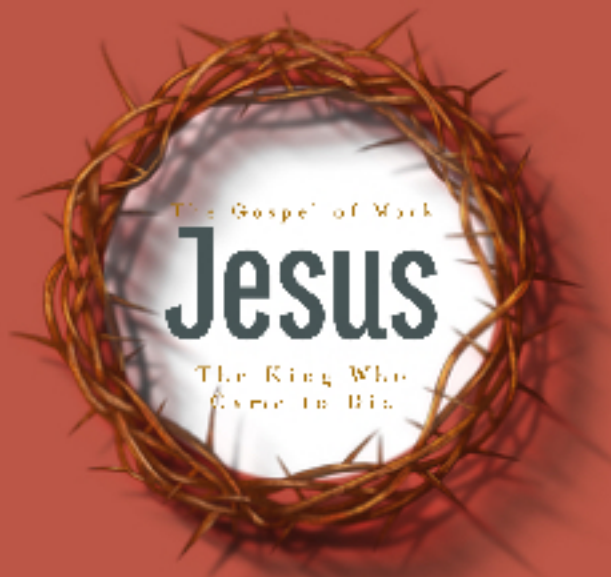
Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17



Shadow and Reality

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Colossians 2:16–17



⁶ But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: “The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

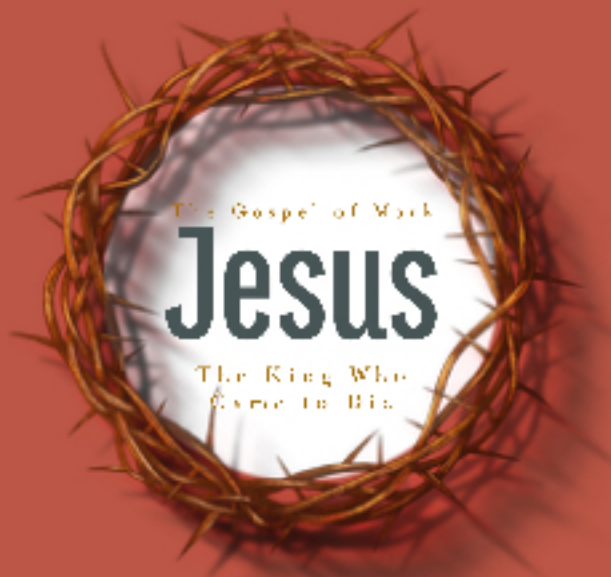
¹⁰ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” ¹³ By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

Hebrews 8:6–13

Ceremonial Law Is Fulfilled & No Longer In Effect

“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods “clean.”)

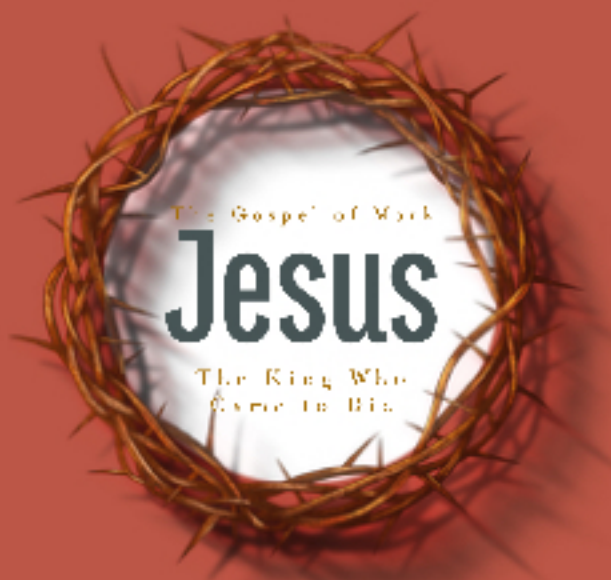
Mark 7:18–19



Moral Law Is Eternal & Is Still In Effect

He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’²¹ For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

Mark 7:20–23





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