



# “JESUS: LORD OF THE SABBATH”

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MARK 2:23-28 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT  
THE AUTHORITY  
OF THE SON OF MAN

- And having seen their **faith**, Jesus says to the paralyzed man, "Child your sins are forgiven."  
(Mk 2:5, AT)



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- 6 Now some of the teachers of the law were there – sitting and debating in their hearts: 7 "Why does this guy speak in this way? He blasphemes! Who is able to forgive sins except the one God?" (Mk 2:6-7, AT)
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CONTEXT  
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- “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for **blasphemy**, because you, a mere man, claim to be **God.**” (Jn 10:33, NIV)
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## CONTEXT THE AUTHORITY OF THE SON OF MAN

- 8 And, straight away, Jesus, having recognized in His spirit that they were debating within themselves in this way, says to them, "Why do you debate these things in your heart? 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Rise and take up your mat and walk?' 10 But, so that you may know that the **Son of Man** has **authority to forgive sins** on the earth..." (He [then] says to the paralyzed man): 11 "...to *you*, I say: Rise, take up your mat, and go home." (Mk 2:8-11, AT)
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CONTEXT  
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- And he was raised and, straight away, having took up the mat, he went out in front of everyone. As a result, this caused everyone to be beside themselves, and they glorified God saying, "We have **never seen** anything like this!" (Mk 2:12, AT)
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CONTEXT  
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- And when the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw Him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they were asking His **disciples**, "**Why** does He eat with the tax collectors and sinners?"  
(Mk 2:16, AT)
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CONTEXT  
THE AUTHORITY  
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- Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people come saying to Him, "**Why** do the disciples of John as well as the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" (Mk 2:18, AT)
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CONTEXT  
THE AUTHORITY  
OF THE SON OF MAN

- And Jesus said to them, "The wedding party cannot fast while the groom is [still] with them now can they? As long as they have time [where] the groom is with them, they cannot fast." (Mk 2:19, AT)
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## CONTEXT THE LORD: THE BRIDEGROOM



- 31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will **not** be like the **covenant** I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because **they broke my covenant**, though I was a **husband** to them,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. 33 “This is the **covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD [YHWH],’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. “For I will **forgive** their wickedness and will **remember their sins no more.**” (Jer 31:31-34, NIV)
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## CONTEXT THE LORD: THE BRIDEGROOM



- 4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD [YHWH] had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. 6 Moses took **half of the blood** and put it in bowls, and the **other half he splashed against the altar**. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “**We will do** everything the LORD [YHWH] has said; **we will obey.**”
  - 8 Moses then **took the blood, sprinkled it on the people** and said, “This is the **blood of the covenant** that the LORD [YHWH] has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (Ex 24:4-8, NIV)
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CONTEXT  
THE LORD:  
THE BRIDEGROOM



- In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant in my blood**; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor 11:25, NIV)
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CONTEXT  
THE LORD:  
THE BRIDEGROOM



- **25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Eph 5:25-27, NIV)**
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CONTEXT  
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- No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an **old** garment. Otherwise, that which fills [the cloth] takes away from it – the **new** from the **old** – and the tear becomes worse. (Mk 2:21, AT)
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- And no one puts [**new**] wine that is beginning to ferment into **old** wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine is lost – as well as the wineskins. Rather, [**new**] wine that is beginning to ferment [goes] into **new** wineskins (Mk 2:22, AT)
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MARK 2:23  
EATING WHEATIES



- And it came to pass: One Sabbath, He went along through the grain fields, and His disciples began to make their way, picking ears of grain.  
(Mk 2:23, AT)
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MARK 2:24  
BREAKING SABBATH



- And the Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath? (Mk 2:24, AT)





MARK 2:24  
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- 24 If you enter your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want, but do not put any in your basket. 25 If you enter your **neighbor's grainfield, you may pick kernels with your hands**, but you must not put a sickle to their standing grain. (Dt 23:24-25, NIV)
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## MARK 2:24 BREAKING SABBATH



- 8 “Remember the **Sabbath day** by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a **sabbath to the LORD [YHWH] your God**. On it **you shall not do any work**, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD [YHWH] made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD [YHWH] **blessed the Sabbath day** and made it holy. (Ex 20:8-11, NIV)
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MARK 2:24  
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- “Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even **during the plowing** season and **harvest** you must rest. (Ex 34:21, NIV)
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- **I** (32) he who writes two letters, (33) erases two letters in order to write two letters; **J** (34) he who builds, (35) tears down; **K** (36) he who puts out a fire, (37) kindles a fire; **L** (38) he who hits with a hammer; (39) he who transports an object from one domain to another— **M** lo, these are the forty generative acts of labor less one. (*m. Shabb. 7:2*)
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## MARK 2:24 BREAKING SABBATH



- 12 Then the LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, 13 “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe **my Sabbaths**. This will be a **sign** between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD [YHWH], who makes you holy. 14 “ ‘Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. **Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people.** 15 For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the LORD [YHWH]. **Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death.** 16 The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. 17 It will be a **sign between me and the Israelites forever**, for in six days the LORD [YHWH] made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’ ” (Ex 31:12-17, NIV)
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## MARK 2:24 BREAKING SABBATH



- 15 In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses **on the Sabbath** and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem **on the Sabbath**. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. 16 People from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem **on the Sabbath** to the people of Judah. 17 I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this wicked thing you are doing—**desecrating the Sabbath day?** 18 Didn’t your ancestors do the same things, so that **our God brought all this calamity on us and on this city?** Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by **desecrating the Sabbath.**” (Neh 13:15-18, NIV)
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## MARK 2:25-26 DAVID DID IT



- 25 And He says to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and was hungry – he and those with him?  
26 How he went into the house of God, at the time of Abiathar the high priest, and he ate the Bread of Presence – which is not lawful to eat except by the priests – and he gave [some] also to those who were with him? (Mk 2:25-26, AT)





## MARK 2:25-26 DAVID DID IT



- 1 David went to **Nob**, to **Ahimelek** the priest. **Ahimelek** trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?”
- 2 David answered **Ahimelek** the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. 3 Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.” (1 Sam 21:1-3, NIV)





## MARK 2:25-26 DAVID DID IT



- 4 But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any **ordinary** bread on hand; however, there is some **consecrated bread** here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.” 5 David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men’s bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” (1 Sam 21:4-5, NIV)
- 6 So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD [YHWH] and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away. (1 Sam 21:4-6, NIV)





## MARK 2:25-26 DAVID DID IT



- 5 “Take the finest flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah [about 7 lb or 3.2 kg] for each loaf. 6 Arrange them in two stacks, six in each stack, on the table of pure gold before the LORD [YHWH]. 7 By each stack put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be a food offering presented to the LORD [YHWH]. 8 This bread is to be **set out before the LORD [YHWH] regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath**, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. 9 **It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in the sanctuary area**, because it is a most holy part of their perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the LORD [YHWH].” (Lev 24:5-9, NIV)





MARK 2:27  
THE INTENTION  
OF THE SABBATH



- And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for the sake of man, not man for the sake of the Sabbath." (Mk 2:27, AT)





MARK 2:28  
THE SON OF MAN  
IS LORD OF HIS SABBATH



- Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath. (Mk 2:28, AT)





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what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

**human beings [lit. sons of man/Adam]** that you care for them?

(Ps 8:4, NIV)





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- 13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven**. He approached the **Ancient of Days** and was led into his presence. 14 He was given **authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Dn 7:13-14, NIV)**
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- 61b Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the **Messiah**, the **Son of the Blessed One**?” 62 “**I am**,” said Jesus. “And you will see **the Son of Man** sitting at the **right hand** of the **Mighty One** and coming on the clouds of heaven.” 63 The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. 64 “You have heard the **blasphemy**. What do you think?” They all condemned him as **worthy of death** (Mk 14:61b-64, NIV)
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- “**B** The laws of the Sabbath, festal offerings, and sacrilege— lo, they are like mountains hanging by a string, **C** for they have little Scripture for many laws.” (*m. Hag.* 1:8)
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- but the seventh day is a **sabbath to the LORD [YHWH] your God...** (Ex 20:10a, NIV; cf. Ex 16:25; Ezek 20:12-13)
  - 12 Then the LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, 13 “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe **my Sabbaths...**’ (Ex 31:12-13a, NIV)
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35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, “Why do the teachers of the law say that the Messiah is the son of David? 36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

“ ‘The Lord said to **my Lord**:

“Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies  
under your feet.” ’ [Ps 110:1]

37 David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”

The large crowd listened to him with delight. (Mk 12:35-37, NIV)





MARK 2:28  
THE OLD FULFILLED  
BY THE NEW



- 16 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. (Col 2:16-17, NIV)
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