

“What a difference Jesus makes!”

Matthew 9:14-17

Main Idea: The arrival of Jesus and the inauguration of the kingdom means old religious systems and customs have changed.

A Question about Fasting (14)

John's disciples

John's message and ministry style

Jesus' disciples' apparent neglect

A Question about Appropriate Behavior (15-17)

Metaphor of a wedding (15)

Jesus is the anticipated Bridegroom

Jesus' disciples are groomsmen at his wedding

Joy is appropriate for a wedding

Mourning is incompatible with a wedding

Jesus' disciples will fast when Jesus is taken away

Illustration of unshrunk cloth (16)

New cloth and old cloth are incompatible

Patching an old garment with new cloth makes matters worse

Illustration of wine and wineskins (17)

New wine and old wineskins are incompatible

New wine must be contained in a new wineskin for both to be preserved

Application: