

Mark 2:18-22
Fasting!
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I. A Baptist and a Pharisee walk into a bar... (2:18)

- A. John's fasting.
- B. Pharisees' fasting
- C. Same words, different question.

II. Wedding party etiquette (2:19)

- A. Jesus the Bridegroom. (John 3:22-30)
- B. The Bridegroom is King (Gen. 2; 2 Sam. 17:3; Song; 1 Kg. 10)
- C. Weddings are feasts.

III. When do Christians fast? (2:20)

- A. Not rote, not a technique (Zech. 7)
- B. Fasting for grief.
 - 1. Sin (Dan. 9)
 - 2. Christ's death (Zech. 12:10-13:1)
 - 3. Separation from the Church (Lk. 15:7; Mt. 18:7-9; 2 Jn. 12; 3 Jn. 13-14; Heb. 13:3; 2 Tim. 4:6ff)
 - 4. The lost (Acts 10:9ff; Acts 13:1-3)
 - 5. Desiring Christ (Jn 16; Phil. 1:19-30; 2 Cor. 5:1-10;)

IV. Patches and bottles (2:20-21).

- A. Patches.
 - 1. The old cloth.
 - 2. Jesus does not fit.
 - 3. Get some new clothes.
- B. Bottles.
 - 1. The old bottles
 - 2. The new wine
 - 3. Let the wine age.