

The Gospel According to Mark

Follow the Leader

“Jesus’ Disciples and God’s Laws”

INTRO: *Jesus’ conflict with the Pharisees over Sabbath-keeping was so intense that it would eventually lead to conspiracy for His murder. God gives laws (like the Sabbath), but how should disciples view them?*

- I. God’s _____ have been given to God’s _____.**
God’s Special Revelation includes laws given to His people.

- II. God’s _____ may be _____ by God’s _____.**
The unbeliever views God’s laws as oppressive, but Christians may also harbor misconceptions.

- III. Jesus’ disciples view God’s _____ as expressions of His _____ (2:23-3:12).** *In two episodes centering on the issue of Sabbath-keeping, Jesus corrected the misconception of God’s laws by the Religious self-righteous.*
 - A. God’s laws help Jesus’ disciples _____ (2:23-28).** *God’s laws enable Believers to avoid sin’s pain and enjoy God’s creation as intended.*

 - B. God’s laws help Jesus’ disciples _____ (3:1-6).** *God’s laws are intended to guide service. No divine law would abrogate the extension of God’s mercy.*