

# 30 A.D.

## THE JESUS STORY

Trying to Mix the Old with the New  
Luke 5:33-39

### INTRODUCTION

PRINCIPLE #1: We are, by nature, resistant to change ... even good change.

### CONTEXT (Luke 4:1-5:33)

- 1 Power over temptation (Luke 4:1-13)
- 2 Power over demons & hell (Luke 4:31-37)
- 3 Power over sickness, brokenness & sin (Luke 4:38-44)
- 4 Power over the elements of nature (Matthew 8; Mark 4)
- 5 Love for the fallen & despised (Luke 5:27-31)

► IMMEDIATE OCCASION: Going Away Party for Matthew (Levi)

► CONFUSING ISSUE: Fasting Mode vs. Feasting Mode

### PARABLE A: BRIDEGROOM & JOY (Luke 5:34-35; cf. John 10:10b)

- ISSUE: What kind of attitude should the friends of the bridegroom have?
- MAIN LESSON: The new order of things which Jesus ushered in does not fit into the old mold of man-ordained fasting!

### PARABLE B: NEW PATCHES, OLD GARMENTS (Luke 5:36)

- ISSUE: The people of Jesus' day were so fixated with a concept of long-faced, duty-oriented, tradition-driven religion that their knee-jerk reaction to Christ would be that anything He was advocating had to be somehow combined or patched unto the old system.
- MAIN LESSON: The new breaking in of the Kingdom of God was not designed to be a simple "add on" or "extra" concerning God's purposes for the human race... it would fulfill & replace the old system, not patch it.

### PARABLE C: NEW WINE, OLD WINESKINS (Luke 5:37-39)

- ISSUE: The expanding new wine of God's Kingdom advancement doesn't mix well with the unelastic old wineskins of legalistic righteousness.
- MAIN LESSON: Attempting to combine the old and new faith systems would be not merely unsuitable but injurious, tending to defeat, rather than to promote the aims of the new Messianic Age.

PRINCIPLE #2: New life requires new forms & new expressions.

### APPLICATIONS

- 1 Have you tasted the new wine & entered into the joy of the Bridegroom?
- 2 Are you committed to the process of becoming a new wineskin so that you can joyously receive the new wine of Jesus Christ?

## LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of April 22-28, 2018

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Sermons can be viewed online at [creeksideeg.com/sermon](http://creeksideeg.com/sermon)

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

### PRAYER

Begin your time together by praising God that in Christ we are new creations!

### MY STORY

1. Share two changes in society that occurred during your lifetime - one that you view as good and one you view as bad.

### DIGGING DEEPER

2. What insight, principle or point from Sunday's message particularly caught your attention? Explain.
3. **Read Luke 5:33-35.** When addressing those concerned with fasting, Jesus used a parable about a wedding to describe the "atmosphere" of His ministry. Why do you think He used this analogy?
4. **Read Luke 5:36-37, Matthew 9:14-17, and Mark 2:18-22.** Briefly explain why putting a new patch of cloth on an old garment is a bad idea and why putting new wine in old wineskins is an equally bad idea.
5. **Read Luke 5:39.** Explain this verse in your own words. What does it reveal about many people's reluctance to change?

6. What are some ways that "resistance to change" can be good in the world of business? Conversely, what are some ways that "resistance to change" can be bad in the business world? Answer the same questions in relation to the church.
7. Why was it impossible to simply add Jesus' teachings to Judaism? Why did it require a whole new faith system?
8. Explain this statement in your own words, "In church our doctrine and beliefs don't change, but our methods and ways of sharing them need to change in order to connect with a culture that is constantly changing."

### DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

9. According to the following verses, what new things did Jesus bring to, or give to His followers?

**John 13:34**

**John 14:16,17**

**Corinthians 11:24-25**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Colossians 3:9-11**

### TAKING IT HOME

10. Memorize **2 Corinthians 5:17.** What are some of your "old" habits, biases, and/or beliefs that need to be made "new" in Christ?
11. What is something you can do this week to implement at least one of these needed changes?

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group, and ask God to help you embrace needed change.