

## Challenging Christ's Ministry *from* Mark 2:13-28

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The Pharisees were religious and very rigid. However, they followed human tradition to the exclusion of the true meaning of the Scriptures (Matt 15:1-3). It seemed that they cared more about rules, regulations and rituals than people. They felt threatened by the Christ's ministry because His teaching from the Bible contradicted their oral traditions. Constantly challenging His ministry and accusing Him of blasphemy, they wanted Him eliminated at any cost.

Christ's response to their challenges always went to the heart of the matter. The authority of Jesus, the son of man, was greater than the law, especially the oral traditions of man.

### 1. Challenge Concerning Fellowship (2:13-17)

A. The Conversion of Levi (2:13-14)

B. The Celebration by Levi (2:15-17)

### 2. Challenge Concerning Fasting (2:18-22)

A. Their Rebuke (2:18)

B. Christ's Response (2:19-22).

### 3. Challenge Concerning Freedom (2:23-28)

A. Their Rebuke (2:23-24)

B. Christ's Response (2:225-28)