Jesus lived a purposeful life. He knew how to handle a crowd and He knew how to pick a fight. He probed hearts and minds. He asked questions addressed to the conscience. He watched His people struggle with their understanding of the Law for centuries. Their traditions and additions to the Law often anesthetized them to God's will expressed in the Law. So Jesus took them on. He threw down the gauntlet. He challenged them at the level of some of their deepest held beliefs and practices. He and His word never changes. But, He's a revolutionary when it comes to helping us face those things that get in the way of our interpretation of His will.

## **Unmistakable Illustrations**

• The Challenge

A question • The Gift

## A three parable answer

1. Fasting

2. Patches

3. Wineskins

• The Girt

• The Boss

## Personal Application and Interaction

- 1. In your own words, describe the connections from the initial question through the three parable answer to the illustrations related to the Sabbath? How does this development help you understand "the revolution" surrounding Jesus?
- 2. What is the big idea behind this passage of scripture?
- 3. Plug your name into the following question: What did Jesus mean when He said, "The Sabbath was made for "?
- 4. How do you relate to the statement, "Sunday is not 'the Sabbath' for New Testament believers"?
- 5. How does Jesus address you with His words, "The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath"?
- 6. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save a life or to kill"? What do you think He wants you to do with His question?



## **Revolutionary!**

Mark 2:18-3:6

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