

27 July 2014: Preached by Rev Quek Suan Yew

Topic: **Life of Christ - New cloth and new wine**

Scripture Text: Mark 2:14-22

1. New in outreach

We cannot offset a bad action by giving bigger offerings. Although we may have old traditions we hold on to, we cannot bring it into the Christian faith now. We accept Jesus only when we realise we are nothing and have nothing.

2. New in relationship

The Pharisees thought that by associating themselves to John the Baptist or by fasting, they are righteous. But this is not the case. We are to fast when there is great sorrow, something intense and critical to seek God. When we are not suffering for God, there isn't a need to fast. Do not turn things upside down.

3. New teaching and doctrine

Jesus wanted to tell us that His teachings have nothing to do with the Pharisees' teachings. We can only get to heaven by trusting in Jesus Christ. God sees the internal rather than the external.