

Jesus The Disturber Luke 5:17-6:11

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You Can't Do That!

Silly old laws...

Conflict between Jesus and religious leaders:

1. **Jesus heals the paralytic. (Luke 5:17-26)**
Jesus claims to forgive sins and the religious leaders say to themselves, "You can't do that! Only God can forgive sins."



Jesus says, "I am God."

2. **Jesus calls Levi, the tax collector. (Luke 5:27-32)**
Jesus parties with sinners and the religious leaders say, "You shouldn't do that!"

Jesus says, "I've come to spend time with sinners and call them to follow me."

3. **Jesus and his disciples enjoy the good life. (5:33-35)**
The disciples love to eat and drink and the religious leaders say, "Why aren't you fasting?"
Jesus says, "Now is the time to celebrate!"

4. Jesus breaks a Sabbath law (6:1-5)

Jesus and his disciples pick grain in the fields and the religious leaders say, “You can’t do that on the Sabbath!”

Jesus says, “I am Lord of the Sabbath.”

5. Jesus breaks another Sabbath Law (6:6-11)

Jesus heals a man and the religious leaders say, “You can’t do that on the Sabbath!”

Jesus says, “It’s okay to do good and save lives on any day.”

A Few Conclusions:

Not all laws/rules are created equal – life principles never change but rules are flexible.

Rules should never get in the way of life principles. (Amos 5:21-24; Matt. 23:23)

Don’t miss the gift because of the packaging – don’t miss the life and love that Jesus offers because He doesn’t fit into your box.

Jesus is a new kind of new. (Luke 5:36-39)

- **A little bit of Jesus patched into an old religious mindset won’t work.**
- **Trying to pour Jesus into a rigid religious container won’t work.**
- **Religion and its rules have no life.**
- **Allow the new wine of Jesus to change and expand you.**

Things to Think About:

What do you think about Jesus’ provocative and disturbing behavior?

When was the last time you partied with non-Christians?

Do you need to repent of your safe, sanitized, boring life?

Think about some of the ‘rules’ you follow – do they bring life or do they prevent life? Do they lead to love or are they a barrier to love?

Can you think of some ways where the packaging prevents you from receiving the gift?

In what ways is the ‘new wine’ of Jesus forcing you to expand/change/grow?
