



***“Religion or Relationship?”***

Mark 2:23-28 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** – Mark records the first “Sabbath incident” that escalated the religious leader’s opposition to Jesus.

***I. Keeping God’s Law.***

A. The Pharisees accuse Jesus’ disciples of violating the Sabbath Law.

B. Jesus’ responds by citing God’s Word and challenges their application of God’s Law, which was based on their own additions.

***II. Why We Keep God’s Law.***

A. God’s Law is good if we use it properly.

B. God’s Law was given for our benefit.

C. The freedom found in the Gospel is a huge paradigm shift for most people.

D. Jesus’ statement points out that there are two diametrically opposed ways of looking at, and applying, God’s Law: Religion versus Relationship.

Religion says:

The Gospel says:

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E. Jesus is declaring an end of \_\_\_\_\_

***Conclusion***