



# THE UNEXPECTED JESUS MISSING THE MESSIAH

## **THE UNEXPECTED JESUS – MISSING THE MESSIAH:**

### **WEEK #4 – THE UNEXPECTED RELIGION**

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#### **SUMMARY**

The religious leaders missed Jesus because he seemed more concerned with people than with rules. It's not that Jesus didn't care about the law. He knew the heart of the law was about loving God and loving people. Jesus didn't come to bring more religion. He came to bring people into relationship with God. As a result, he was a threat to the religious and the irreligious. If you are looking for more rules, you will look past Jesus. If you want no ruler, you will miss him as well.



## STUDY - PERSONAL

Here are some great introductory resources on this topic:

- Mark 2:18-3:6
- [The Gospel According to Mark – The Bible Project](#)
- [The Son of Man Must Suffer Many Things – John Piper](#)
- Jesus the King – Tim Keller
- Accidental Pharisees – Larry Osborne

## DISCUSS – MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

Discuss these questions with your group:

1. Read Mark 2:18-3:6. What did you take away from the message on this passage on Sunday?
2. The Pharisees saw fasting and the Sabbath as all about their work and therefore missed Jesus. How can you move away from religious, self-righteous activity and move towards celebrating what Jesus has done?
3. How should we obey and apply this in the context of our community? How can your MC shift from joyless activity to celebrating what Jesus has done?
4. What would it look like if we shifted away from “doing” things for the people we are on mission for to serving and really loving the people we are on mission for? How can we invite them into celebration and the true joy that Jesus has give us?

## EXPERIENCE – ON MISSION

**These are some practical exercises for you to work through with your MC:**

- Who are you performing for? Jesus came not to save you so you could perform to a certain standard, but he came to save you and give you a new heart for him and for his people. As an MC, focus this week on loving and serving the people group that Jesus has called you to. If you have been doing this, go the extra step to show Jesus’ love, grace, hospitality, generosity, etc. to them.
- Take your MC gathering night to talk and pray through what it would mean to no longer just DO religion, but rather how you will be a picture of loving God and loving people to a world who desperately needs to know the truth about Jesus.
- Write down a list of ways that you have been acting out of religion instead of turning to Jesus as the one who will give you freedom from rule based religion. Discuss in your DNA groups how you can repent from viewing your relationship with Jesus as a rules based religion and turn to Jesus and his definition of you.