



JESUS

LIONMAN *of* JUDAH

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PART 33: JESUS AND LEGALISM

Mark 2:23-3:19; Matthew 12:1-21; Luke 6:1-16

LEGALISM MAY BE THE SINGLE GREATEST ENEMY OF THE GOSPEL.

Legalism denies **SOLA SCRIPTURA**.

Legalism looks at God's list of rules in his Word and say,
"Those are great, but **HERE'S A FEW MORE**..."

Legalism is full of **TECHNICALITIES**.

LEGALISM/RELIGION VS. GOSPEL

Lie of Religion: "I obey, therefore I am accepted."

Truth of the Gospel: "In Jesus I'm accepted, therefore I obey."

Religion

Jesus

Religion says, "You're no good, so get away"

Jesus says, "I know exactly who you are, just come to me."

Religion says "Get it right, then you can come to God - maybe, for a while... if you keep it up..."

Jesus says, "Come to me, I'll make you right with God... forever."

Religion wears you out.

Jesus gives you rest.

Religion beats you down.

Jesus helps you up.

Religion is a big bully.

Jesus is a good big brother and a friend.

Religion's yoke is uncomfortable and confining.

Jesus' yoke is easy and freeing.

Religion's burden is heavy.

Jesus' burden is light.

Matthew 11:28–30

28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

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Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

1. Do you have a favorite passage of Scripture? What is it and why?

Read Psalm 23

2. Psalm 23 is one of the most popular passages in all of Scripture. Why do you think that is? What are your favorite parts of Psalm 23?
3. **Read John 10:11-18.** What do these verses teach about Jesus as our shepherd and his care for us?
4. "Paths of righteousness" literally means "right paths". Do you ever question the paths Jesus leads you in?
5. What are some "green pastures" that Jesus has *made you lie down in*?
6. What are some things that deplete you? What are some things that restore you?

Let's look back at the passage from this Sunday and what it has to say about Sabbath (rest, restoration). We studied it in Mark, but Matthew also writes about it...

Read Matthew 12:1-14

7. Jesus declared himself to be Lord of the Sabbath (12:8). How do the following passages enable us to understand this?
 - Mark 2:27-28
 - John 5:16-17
 - John 9:14-17
 - John 20:19
 - Revelation 1:10
8. How does legalism/religiosity rob people of Sabbath?
9. We're commanded to rest and enjoy Sabbath. How do we do that without becoming religious?
10. **Read Mark 2:27-28.** What does Jesus reveal to us about the Sabbath?
11. What are some practical steps you can take to kill busyness in your life, avoid legalism, and routinely enjoy Jesus and Sabbath?

