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¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

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¹⁹ Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them.

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²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

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²¹ “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse.

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²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”

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²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.

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²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

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²⁵ He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?”

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²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

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²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

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3:1 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue,
and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

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² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.

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³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand,
“Stand up in front of everyone.”

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⁴ Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

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⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

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⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed.

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⁸ When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.

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⁹ Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.

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¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

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¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

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A landscape with a dirt road leading to three crosses on a hill under a cloudy sky. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The road is in the foreground, leading towards a hill in the distance where three crosses are visible. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, with a bright glow emanating from behind the hill.

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