

the Venues

Go Deep

Brushing Away Religion

“Breaking the Rules”

Pablo Picasso

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Growing up were you more of a “rule-keeper” or “rule-breaker”?

Picasso’s philosophy was: ***Every act of creation is first an act of destruction.***

The theme of the teaching is that Jesus “destroyed” the Pharisee’s religion in order to “create” something new.

Jesus destroyed an exclusive religion and created an inclusive fellowship.

Read Luke 5:27-32

To which group do you most relate? The Pharisees who judged Jesus for hanging out with the “sinners” or the “sinners” who were judged?

What did the Pharisees’ objection and criticism reveal about their understanding of God?

How do you think Levi’s guests felt toward Jesus as they interacted with him at the party? What can we learn from Jesus and Levi’s party?

Jesus destroyed a miserable religion and created a joyful relationship.

Read Luke 5:33-35

What criticism of Jesus did the Pharisees have?

What were the Pharisees insinuating?

Why would Jesus use a wedding to describe our relationship with Him?

Jesus destroyed the old arrangement (law) and created new arrangement of grace.

Read Luke 5:36-39

What do these different items in Jesus' object lesson symbolize?

Old Garment?

Old wine?

New garment?

New wine?

Read Hebrews 8:13, John 1:17, Romans 7:4-6

What do these verses tell us about the old way and the new way?

Why do people still want to live by the law instead of the Spirit?

Jesus destroyed rule-based religion and created a love-based relationship.

Read Luke 6:1-11

What law was Jesus breaking?

See Jeremiah 17:21, Exodus 31:14, Numbers 15:32-36

What do you think about Jesus breaking the law?

What is a higher standard of behavior than the law?

Jesus deconstructed a law-based religion so as to create a grace-based relationship.

How does Matthew 22:38-40 help us with all of this?