

KINGDOM CONFLICT

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Sermon Theme: Jesus Christ, the Savior for all people without distinction, is inaugurating a new age of salvation that is fundamentally incompatible with the old, demonstrated in His offer of salvation to anyone who believes. This reorientation of living for God and offering the gospel to sinners is met with great hostility, and still is today.

I. Conflict Introduced – Read Luke 5:17-26

- A. In what ways is Jesus' teaching more important and more profitable than His healing ministry? What was the purpose of Jesus' healings?
- B. How would you describe the conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders?
- C. How would you like to grow in seeing sin, and not other things, as the main issue in your life?

II. Conflict Intensified – Read Luke 5:27-6:5

- A. What stands out to you in the calling of Levi and Jesus' willingness to eat with sinners?
- B. In what areas of your life do you struggle with being self-righteous?
- C. How does Jesus being the Bridegroom and you being part of His bride (the church), along with the analogy of a wedding feast, help you have greater joy in your salvation?
- D. Some Pharisees fasted to show they were deeply concerned about spiritual matters. How is this commendable? How were they mistaken in their focus? How can we learn from their mistake?
- E. Why is it significant that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath? How does this incredible statement relate to finding the spiritual rest needed for your soul? (Hint: Matthew 11:28-30)

III. Conflict Climaxed – Read Luke 6:6-11

- A. What reasons would the Pharisees give for deciding to kill Jesus?
- B. Read verse 9. In what ways is Jesus challenging the Pharisees' hypocrisy with His question?
- C. Would you agree that the gospel bears fruit in the midst of conflict? Why or why not?
- D. How would you like to grow in being an aroma of life to those who are being saved, even when it requires you to be an aroma of death to those who are perishing at the same time?