



# THE KING & THE CROSS

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A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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# I've Got a Tiger by the Tail

**By Buck Owens & the Buckaroos**

Well, I thought the day I met you, you were meek as a lamb  
Just the kind to fit my dreams and plans  
Now, the pace we're livin' takes the wind from my sails  
And it looks like I've got a tiger by the tail



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# MARK 2:18-22

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?"





# MARK 2:18-22

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





# MARK 2:18-22

“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. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins.





# MARK 2:18-22

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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# MARK 2:23-28

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"





# MARK 2:23-28

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





# MARK 2:23-28

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



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# MARK 3:1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 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. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."





# MARK 3:1-6

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.





# MARK 3:1-6

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



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**Granting Yourself Different Permissions**



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# Christ the Tiger

**By Thomas Howard**

Just at the moment when we thought we had guaranteed our own standing in his good favor by organizing an airtight doctrine or flawless liturgy or an unassailable morality, he escaped us, and returned with his hammer to demolish things.

Try as we might, we could not own him. We could not protect him. We count not incarcerate him. For he always emerged as our judge, exposing our cynicism and fright by the candor and boldness of his love.

He tore our secularist schemes to ribbons by announcing doom and our religious schemes to tatters by announcing love.



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