



STUDY GUIDE

February 9-10, 2019



Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>"Sacred People"</u></p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p>Jesus and His crew are walking next to a grain field on the Sabbath and they casually pick heads of grain and eat them. This is one of the many examples where we're told that Jesus was constantly being watched. Pharisee's and Sadducees were always trying to catch Jesus violating the law. To which Jesus says: "You're so concerned about breaking the Sabbath...but you've got it all wrong. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. You think God loves His law more than He loves His people." Jesus says "Guys, listen carefully. I tell you, something greater than the temple is here" (Matt. 12:6).</p> <p>Religious people always wrestle with the temptation to prioritize the law over people, which is the essence of legalism.</p>

Engage
<p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 13:1-4; Luke 21:5-24</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. What would be the areas that you might prioritize above people in your church expression and experience? Have you ever been guilty of loving the law more than people? Explain. 3. Up until this point, what has been your understanding of Israel's temple system, in contrast with the covenant Jesus came to establish? Are they different? The same? Simply an extension of one another? 4. How do you feel when you hear Jesus saying things like He does from Hosea: "I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices." What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate to them? If he were to speak those words to us today, what would he be meaning or getting at? 5. What about Jesus' New covenant is so significant? To both you personally, and our world at large?

Pray	Announce
<p>For eyes to see if we have put love of 'temple' ahead of love for people.</p> <p>For people to find Jesus for the first time during this series.</p> <p>For baptism participants</p> <p>For a new freedom from addiction to pornography in our culture (and especially for those attending the Reveal Conf)</p> <p>You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Baptism Weekend Feb 22/23</p> <p>School of Discipleship Retreat – Feb 22/23</p> <p>Reveal: Understanding and responding to a sexually exploitive, pornified culture Mar 8/9</p> <p>Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>
<p>We have a pastoral care team at SPAC to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, (with their permission) please contact our church office: (780) 467-8404</p>	