

# A Time for Joy and Not for Mourning

Matthew 9:14-17

# Outline

- ▶ The coming of Jesus is cause for joy and celebration (14-15a)
- ▶ The fasting that we practice now is different because of Jesus (15b)
- ▶ The new covenant relationship with God isn't meant to fit into the old forms (16-17)

# God is the Bridegroom

- ▶ *“16 And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,... 19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.”*

*Hosea 2:16, 19-20*

# Two Questions from 14-15

- ▶ Do I personally rejoice that my savior has come?
- ▶ Are we in danger of missing the point of worship like the disciples of John?

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- ▶ *“Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”*

Hebrews 8:6