

Sermon Outline
“Emergence of the Bridegroom”
Matthew 9:14-17

I. Overview of the section – Matt 9:14-34

Question about the new way 9:14-17
Healing the ruler’s daughter 9:18-26
Healing the blind men 9:27-31
Healing the dumb demoniac 9:32-33
Accusation of an old way 9:34

II. Transition: two parallel questions and answers – Matt 9:10-17

Question from the Pharisees – hostile challenge vv. 10-13
A parable
An explanation
Question from John’s disciples – honest inquiry vv. 14-17
A parable
An explanation

III. The question raised by John’s disciples and Jesus’ answer

Question: The matter of fasting

Parable: Presence and absence of the Bridegroom

Two part explanation:

Old patch on new cloth

New wine in old wineskins

The old order is passing away – Jesus fulfills God’s covenant promises.