

**Then came to him the disciples of John,  
aying, Why do we and the Pharisees  
fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?  
And Jesus said unto them, Can the  
children of the bridechamber mourn,  
as long as the bridegroom is with them?  
but the days will come, when the  
bridegroom shall be taken from them,  
and then shall they fast.**

**Matthew 9:14-15**