

Mark 2

Jesus Heals a Paralytic (vs. 1-12)

1. What do you notice about the people of Capernaum?
2. Whose faith does Jesus see?
3. Why are the teachers of the law so offended by Jesus' declaration of forgiveness to the paralytic? What does that tell you about Jesus?
4. In v. 10, Jesus refers to the "Son of Man," a name for the Messiah. What does Jesus say is his purpose in healing the paralytic?
5. Would you have been disappointed if Jesus had told you your sins were forgiven, but did not heal you physically?
6. What was the paralytic's responsibility in his healing?
7. Whose example from this story do you need to follow at this time?

Jesus calls Levi (vs. 13-17)

8. What are some of the ramifications of Levi's obedience in following Jesus?
9. What are the ramifications for Jesus hanging out with Levi and his friends?
10. Does Jesus' example challenge you to make any changes in your attitude or behavior toward "sinners?"

Jesus is Questioned (vs. 18-22)

11. A Jewish wedding was often a much anticipated, week-long celebration. What purpose of fasting would make it inappropriate for a wedding feast, according to Leviticus 16:29-31?
12. Who is the bridegroom Jesus is talking about?
13. In Jesus' metaphors in vs. 21-22, what do you think the "old garment" and "old wineskins" represent?
14. What do you think the "new piece of cloth" and "new wine" represent?

Lord of the Sabbath (vs. 23-28)

15. What law is Jesus supposedly breaking by picking heads of grain? (see Exodus 34:21)
16. Read Exodus 20:8-11. What is God's purpose for the Sabbath?
17. How would you explain vs. 27?
18. If you were brought up with specific rules for behavior on Sundays, which ones do you think Jesus would have "broken?"

Sermon Notes

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Title: _____ **Passage:** _____

What I needed to hear today: (something to remember, put into practice, change in my thinking, change in my behavior)