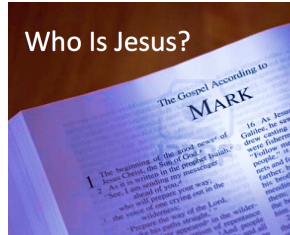


The Gospel of Mark

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Chapter 2 Notes

Day 7: Your Sins are Forgiven Mark 2:1-12

- **Forgiven:** *aphiemi*: to send away, to dismiss
- **Only God can forgive sins:** Ps. 32:5, 51:1-4, 103:2-3, Isa. 43:25, 44:22; Jer. 31:34; Dan. 9:9
- **Blaspheme:** abuse/slander against God: Ex. 20:7; Lev. 24:15-16
- **Son of Man:** title indicating Jesus' divine and human nature: Dan. 7:13-14, One who would be given rule over all the nations of the earth forever

Assignment: Read above verses. What is Jesus claiming when he forgives sins? How does God forgive our sins since He cannot justify the wicked? Prov. 17:15; 1Peter 2:24; Romans 3:21-16

Day 8: I came to call sinners Mark 2:13-17

- **Calling and eating with a tax collector:** Mat. 9:9-12; Eph. 2:1-10
- **Pharisees:** leaders emphasizing observance of Law and their traditions
- **Righteous or Sinner?** Luke 5:27-32; Rom. 3:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:16-21

Assignment: Study above verses. Why did Jesus come to call sinners to repentance? What is ironic about the Pharisees considering themselves righteous? How should we view and treat those who are not believers?

Day 9: Asking about Fasting Mark 2:18-22

- **Fasting:** Prescribed on the Day of Atonement: Lev. 16:29-31; also to surrender to God and rest in dependence upon him: Isa. 58:3-7
- **Bridegroom:** Title of the LORD: Isa. 62:5; Hos. 2:19-20; Rev. 19:6-8
- **Unshrunk Cloth, New Wine:** New era of God's Kingdom, old ways of Law are gone: John 1:17

Assignment: Read above verses. Why will the disciples fast when Jesus is taken away from them? Isa. 53:8



Day 10: Lord of the Sabbath Mark 2:23-28

- **Lawful to pluck grain on Sabbath?** Deut. 23:25; Ex. 34:21
- **Letter of Ceremonial Law vs. Human Need:** 1 Sam. 21:1-6
- **Sabbath made for man:** Col. 2:16-17

Assignment: Read above verses. Since the Sabbath is a gift to man (for spiritual and physical rest) how might you best use the LORD's day to the glory of God, to bless your neighbor and to grow spiritually?