

THE GOSPEL OF
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LESSON 3 - MARK CHAPTER 2

Please use the **NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT) BIBLE** for clarity.

People everywhere were hearing about Jesus. Mark tells us Jesus stayed outside the big cities in deserted places. The people wanted to come to Him to learn from Him as He preached. They wanted Jesus to heal their sicknesses and demon-possessed loved ones. But there were other people beginning to learn about Jesus too, and they did not like Him or the Words He spoke.

Always pray and ask the Holy Spirit to be your teacher as you answer these questions. It is good to answer these questions with a parent and talk about the truths you discover together as you read God's word.

It is important to memorize God's Word. Each week you have an opportunity to practice memorizing verses. Once the verse of the week is in your head and your heart, God can help you to talk to your friends about the Bible and tell them about Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.' **Mark 2:17**

Everyone is born a sinner. The Bible tells us: "We have all sinned and fall short of God's glory" (Romans 3:23). Sin is breaking God's law. Everyone has broken God's Law. God tells us how to live by the Bible and how to be forgiven. Everyone has disobeyed God's laws, and that is why God gave us Jesus.

Jesus took the punishment for all the times we have disobeyed God. In our lesson today, Jesus teaches us He came to give us the choice to repent, and that means to turn from our sin and obey Him. When we do that, He forgives us and helps us do what is right.

FORGIVENESS OF SIN (MARK 2:1-12)

1. Jesus was in a house in Capernaum. There were many people there with Jesus in the house where He was staying. What happened as Jesus was preaching the Word to these people?

_____ men arrived _____ a _____ man to Him on a mat.

(See Mark 2:3.)

2. Why couldn't they bring the man to Jesus? _____ (See Mark 2:4.)

3. Because these men really wanted their paralyzed friend to see Jesus what three things did they do?
 - 1) _____ in the roof
 - 2) they lower the _____ on his mat
 - 3) Right in _____ of Jesus.

What friend of yours do you need to bring to Jesus? It was not easy for these men to bring their friend to Jesus. Sometimes, it takes a lot of courage. Sometimes, you may have to go to a lot of work to get your friends to come to learn about Jesus. Who can you bring to hear about Jesus? What friend can you tell that Jesus loves them?

4. What did Jesus observe about the paralyzed man's friends? _____
(See Mark 2:5.)
5. What did Jesus say to the man on the mat? _____ (See Mark 2:5.)
6. The Religious leaders did not like what Jesus said to the paralyzed man. In their thoughts, they accused Him of blasphemy, which means a lack of reverence or respect of God.

True or False?

- 1) Jesus knew what these men were thinking. (See Mark 2:8.)
- 2) Jesus was not committing blasphemy because He is God!
7. What did Jesus want these men to know about Him? Fill in the blanks.
But that you may _____ that the _____ of _____ has _____ on earth to _____ sins.
(See Mark 2:10.)
8. What did Jesus then say to the paralyzed man?
_____ up. Pick _____ your _____ and go _____.

All the people were amazed and praised God.

JESUS CALLS ANOTHER DISCIPLE (MARK 2:13-17)

9. Jesus moved on to the lakeshore. As He walked along, who did He see? _____ and where was he sitting? _____ What did Jesus call him to do? _____ Did he do what Jesus asked? _____ (See Mark 2:14.)

10. **True or False?** Who did Levi invite to his home for dinner?

- 1) Jesus and His disciples
- 2) Other tax collectors
- 3) Disreputable sinners

True or False?

The Pharisees were happy that Jesus was eating with all these people.

11. The Pharisees thought they were righteous and not a sinner like Jesus taught. Who did Jesus say He came for? "I have come to call not those who think they are _____ but those who know they are _____."

FASTING AND THE SABBATH (MARK 2:18-28)

Jesus came to change the Pharisees' worship of God from obeying man-made rules and regulations to having a loving relationship with Him. Jesus needed to change their way of thinking about how they lived and the things they did to try to please God. So, he answered two questions about fasting and their Sabbath day.

First, Jesus answered the Pharisees' question about fasting. They fasted from food regularly. They thought this is what God wanted them to do. But Jesus wanted to teach them a new way to live for Him.

12. Jesus wanted people to enjoy fellowship with Him. Jesus tried to teach these men He was like a _____ who was inviting them to enjoy a celebration of a _____.

(See Mark 2:19.)

13. Jesus also warned these Pharisee's not to be old _____. But to be open to the words the words of Jesus as a _____ wineskin. (See Mark 2:21-22.)

14. The Pharisees also put all kinds of rules and regulations on their Sabbath Day and they came to Jesus and said He and His disciples were breaking their rules by breaking off heads of grain to eat. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees? To _____ the needs of the _____, not _____ to meet the _____ of the Sabbath.

How do you keep your Sunday as a special day for Jesus? Do you enjoy going to Church and to Worship the Lord? How careful are you to keep that day special?

As a child, you can walk with Jesus and enjoy Him every day. The Bible tells us to Love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.



Jesus healed a man that couldn't walk.

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