| LE | LESSONS THIS QUARTER | | | | |
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| 1) | 03 Mar | Mark 01 | Calls | | |
| 2) | 10 Mar. | Mark 02 | Forgives | | |
| 3) | 17 Mar | Mark 03-04 | Unites | | |
| 4) | 24 Mar | Mark 05 | Restores | | |
| 5) | 31 Mar | Mark 06 | Sends | | |
| 6) | 07 Apr | Mark 07 | Includes | | |
| 7) | | Mark 08-09 | | | |
| 8) | 21 Apr | Mark 15 | Saves | | |
| 9) | 28 Apr | Mark 10 | Serves | | |
| 10) | 05 May. | Mark 11-12 | Purifies | | |
| 11) | 12 May. | Mark 13 | Promises | | |
| 12) | 19 May. | Mark 14 | Prepares | | |
| 13) | 26 May. | Mark 15-16 | Lives | | |

INTRODUCTION

 Mark records a paralytic healing, the calling of Levi to the ministry, & a response to who's really in charge around here

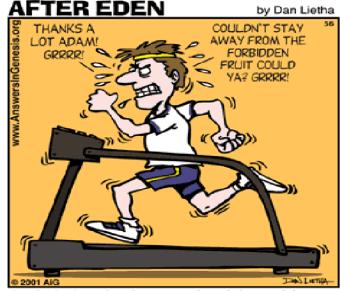
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| Passage | | | |
| Mark 2:1-12 | Every healing found in the Gospel of Mark had a specific purpose to confirm Jesus' mission. When Jesus said "your sins are forgiven you" at least 2 issues were at stake: 1. If the paralytic walked, the healing proved Jesus' credentials (He was not a Liar, nor a Lunatic, but the LORD in the flesh) 2. This man's illness was possibly due to unconfessed sin | | |
| 2:13-17 | Repentant Sinners vs Self-Righteous Sinners v13. Notice Jesus' priority was not in healing but in TEACHING, & yet the multitudes still came out to Him vv15-16. Jesus fellowshipped with repentant sinners. Would Jesus fellowship with non-repentant sinners, e.g., murders, adulterers, thieves, drunks?Ps 26:4-5 Paul condemned the Corinthians for being proud of accommodating unrepentant sinners 1Cor 5:1-7 How often should we repent? Daily? Weekly? | | |
| 2:18-20 | Fasting – How Often Should We Fast? Jews only had 1 day a year for fasting –Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), Sept/Oct Pharisees fasted twice a week on Monday's and Thursday's, 6:00AM – 6:00PM Fasting should have a purpose, and not be just for show | | |

| Passage | Comments | |
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| Isaiah 58:6-9 | Fasting God's Way To win the battle against wickedness | |
| 2:21-22 | Old & New Cloth; Old & New Wineskins You cannot mix the new teachings of Christ with the Old Covenant. The old obsolete stuff has to go Example, animal sacrifice, circumcision, eating lobster & bacon, and other rituals no longer apply Plus, our assumptions and biases are often the old wineskins or the strongholds and fortresses which have to be demolished and rebuilt before we change our beliefs | |
| 2:23-28 | Christ is Lord of the Sabbath "The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath." In other words, Christ can change His laws at His righteous discretion Recall some laws are for all times and for all people groups (e.g., marriage, murder, adultery, thievery), while other laws were more specific to the Jews for a specific time period or covenant (e.g. dietary laws) and besides, the Sabbath rest was made for man's benefit (this is an overriding principle) | |

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

 Jesus sees our faith as something to work with even if it is as small as a mustard seed. Are we using our faith? How are we using it?

NEXT WEEK: Mark 3 & 4. In these chapters Jesus caused a ruckus by healing on the Sabbath, He called his 12 Apostles, He taught Kingdom parables, and He calmed the sea – all told in a matter-of-fact manner.



Isn't it ironic that our health problems started when our ancestor Adam ate a piece of fruit?