

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 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) 14 Apr..... Mark 08-09..... Commands
- 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

Passage	Comments
Mark 2:1-12	<p>Healing #5 – A Paralytic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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..... James 5:16 • Jesus seemed to deliberately provoke the Pharisees to take action – Either confess or reject who the Messiah is, but staying neutral was not an option • Note: When Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic and of his friends, then He acted. But, is faith always needed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jesus often healed when faith was present: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All those who touched Him Mark 14:36 2. "Your faith has made you well" Mark 5:34 ♦ He even healed when faith was weak: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father of the "lunatic" boy..... Mark 9:14-25 ♦ But He also healed when faith was not present: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The widow's son at Nain (neither the dead son's mother or any pall bearer asked Him) .. Lk 7:11-17 2. Peter and the beggar at the Temple..... Acts 3 ♦ Modern-day Faith healers (or so-called psychosomatic healers) who blame the sick for their lack of faith and lack of healing do not know the Scriptures. According to Scripture, it is up to the Great Healer to give the gift of healing in the first place, then it is the compassion of the one who can heal to heal.
2:13-17	<p>Repentant Sinners vs Self-Righteous Sinners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v13. Notice Jesus' priority was not in healing but in TEACHING, & yet the multitudes still came out to Him • vv15-16. Jesus fellowshiped with repentant sinners. Would Jesus fellowship with non-repentant sinners, e.g., murders, adulterers, thieves, drunks? Pr 26:4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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	<p>Fasting – How Often Should We Fast?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 See Isaiah 58

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Isaiah 58:6-9	<p>Fasting God's Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To win the battle against wickednessv6 • To bring relief to those afflictedv6 • To relieve oppressionv6 • To break every yoke/burdenv6 • To share with the hungry.....v7 • To restore the homeless/poorv7 • To cover the nakedv7 • To resolve personal issuesv7 • To restore Hopev8 • To restore Healthv8 • To restore Righteousnessv8 • To proclaim God's gloryv8 • To enable prayers to be answered.....v9
2:21-22	<p>Old & New Cloth; Old & New Wineskins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You cannot mix the new teachings of Christ with the Old Covenant. The old obsolete stuff has to go <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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.....2Cor 10:4
2:23-28	<p>Christ is Lord of the Sabbath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath." In other words, Christ can change His laws at His righteous discretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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.

AFTER EDEN

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