LE	LESSONS THIS QUARTER				
1)	03 Sep .	Mark 01	Introduced		
2)	10 Sep.	Mark 02	Proclaimed		
3)	17 Sep .	Mark 03-04	Questioned		
4)	24 Sep .	Mark 05-06	Satisfies		
5)	01 Oct	Mark 07	Includes		
6)	08 Oct	Mark 08	Followed		
7)	15 Oct	Mark 09	Strengthens		
8)	22 Oct	Mark 10	Serves		
9)	29 Oct	Mark 11-12	Clears		
10)	05 Nov .	Mark 13	Returning		
11)	12 Nov .	Mark 14	Willing		
12)	19 Nov .	Mark 15	Sacrificed		
13)	26 Nov .	Mark 16	Alive		

INTRODUCTION

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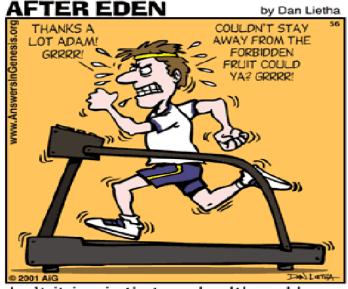
 Mark records a paralytic healing, the calling of Levi to the ministry, & a response to who's really in charge around here 				
Passage Comments				
Mark 2:1-12	 Every healing found in the Gospel of Mark had a specific purpose to confirm Jesus' mission. When Jesus said "your sins are forgiven you" at 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 sinJames 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? Jesus often healed when faith was present: 1. All those who touched Him			
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	
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 Description	

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?