

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Dec Mark 1 How Can Jesus Help Me?
- 2) 13 Dec Mark 2:1-3:6 What does Jesus' call mean for me?
- 3) 20 Dec Luke 2 Why did Jesus come?
- 4) 27 Dec Mark 3:7-6:6a Is God still working in the world?
- 5) 3 Jan Mark 6:6b-56 How to be courageous
- 6) 10 Jan Mark 7:1-8:33 How to develop your faith
- 7) 17 Jan Mark 3:1-6; 5:21-43; 10:13-16 How to be Pro-Life
- 8) 24 Jan Mark 8:34-10:31 How to get along with others
- 9) 31 Jan Mark 10:32-52 How to be successful
- 10) 7 Feb Mark 11-12 When your priorities are challenged
- 11) 14 Feb Mark 13 When you feel overwhelmed
- 12) 21 Feb Mark 14 When you have difficult decisions
- 13) 28 Feb Mark 15-16 When life is unfair

INTRODUCTION

- Mark 2 and 3 help confirm whether Jesus was a Liar, a Lunatic, or the LORD

Passage	Comments
Mark 2:1-12	<p>Healing #5 – a paralytic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every healing found in 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 their faith” He acted • In other healings, no faith by the sick person or by their care provider was evident (e.g., Peter and the beggar in Acts 3, and the widow of Nain nor her dead son in Luke 7) • Faith healers (or so-called psycho-somatic healers) who blame the sick for their lack of faith do not know the Scriptures
2:13-17	<p>Sinners are called to repentance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-righteous are sinners who have no interest in repenting • Not all sinners heed the call to repent
2:18-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fasting – 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
Isaiah 58	<p>Fasting God's Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To win the battle against wickedness v6 • To bring relief to those afflicted v6 • To relieve oppression v6 • To break every yoke/burden..... v6 • To share with the hungry v7 • To restore the homeless/poor v7 • To cover the naked v7 • To resolve personal issues v7 • To restore Hope..... v8

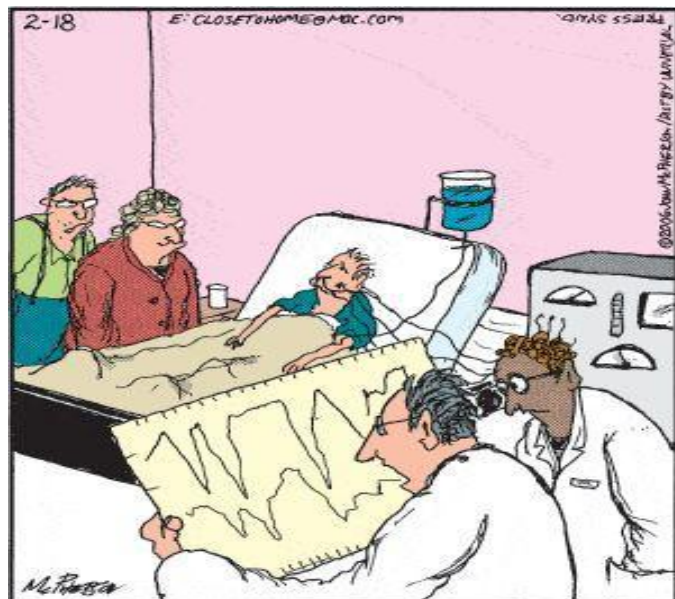
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To restore Health..... v8 • To restore Righteousness v8 • To proclaim God's glory..... v8 • To enable prayers to be answered v9
2:21-22	<p>Old & New Cloth; Old & New Wineskins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> ♦ Animal sacrifice, circumcision and other rituals no longer apply
2:23-28	<p>Christ is Lord of the Sabbath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In other words, Christ can change the laws at his righteous discretion • ...and besides, the Sabbath rest was made for man's benefit (over riding principle)
Mark 3:1-6	<p>Healing #6 – a man with a withered hand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Question #1. How many people did Jesus heal on the Sabbath?Answer: All of them [7] • Test Question #2. How many modern day miracle workers/faith healers (outside of Jesus and His Apostles & Disciples) ever restored the limb of an amputee; or made a Downs individual normal None
Ezek 34:16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Jewish spiritual leaders (in fact all spiritual leaders) should accomplish the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Search for the lost 2. Bring back the strays 3. Bind up the injured and 4. Strengthen the weak

CONCLUSION

Re 22:11 "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.

NEXT WEEK:

- Luke 2 – Christmas message



"Check this out. These sharp drops in his vital signs coincide with visits from his choir.