

## Mark Chapter 2 – Jesus is accused

Chapter 1 ended with healing and they were coming to him.

**Start moving out for God, you will be accused, criticized.**

**4 accusations by the Jews**

**V1 And** when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.

**And – a continuation, used approx. 590 times in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.**

**Storyteller – painting a picture.**

**Jesus moves headquarters to Capernaum.**

**At home – Simon and Andrew home.**

**V2 And** many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.

**Jam packed. Speaking – talking (teaching) not preaching but conversation.**

**V3 And** they \*came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. Group of five.

**V4 And** being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.

**Man has four friends who care about him. Digging thru room – construction zone. Hard to get him up, hard to get them down.**

**V5 And** Jesus seeing their faith \*said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

**Who are the stretcher bearers in your church?**

**Sins are forgiven – New concepts for Jews.**

**V6** But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, V7 "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

**How were sins forgiven? Old testament - animal blood.**

**New Testament – Jesus Blood, Period when Jesus was alive – he said the word + Old Testament Animal blood (not around Jesus ended with Jesus death.**

**1st accusation against Jesus: you can't forgive sin. They are thinking Jesus is a man.**

**V8** And immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, \*said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?"

**V9** "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet and walk'?"

**V10-11** "But in order that **you may know** that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" --He \*said to the paralytic "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

**V12** And he rose and immediately **(no physical therapy)** took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; **so that they were all amazed** and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

**Miracle services are just amazing!**

**Jesus response: Yes, I have this authority to forgive sins and I will show you by healing him.**

**V13-14** And He went out again by the seashore; and all the multitude were coming to Him, and He was teaching them. And as He passed by, He saw Levi the [son] of Alphaeus sitting in the tax office, and He \*said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose and followed Him.

**Publican, Jews hated them because he collected money from Rome. Become a tax collector by buying your position. Jews hated Levi because he was a Jew working for the Romans.**

**This man is Matthew, writer of the Gospel of Matthew.**

**V15** And it came about that He was reclining [at the table] in his house, (Levi) and many tax-gatherers and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.

**V16** And when the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax-gatherers, they [began] saying to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax-gatherers and sinners?" (**Not a good man on the list**).

**Eating with, talking to, friendship: We want to direct people to Jesus, must befriend them.**

### **2nd Accusation: You eat and drink with Sinners**

**V17** And hearing this, Jesus \*said to them, "[It is] not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Need a physician – Jesus approves medical care.**

**Jesus Response: I came to work with sinners, bring sinners to repentance.**

**V18** And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they \*came and \*said to Him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

**3rd Accusation: You do not fast – made by Pharisees and John the Baptist disciples. (Did John the Baptist complain or did the Pharisee say they complained.)**

**V19-20** And Jesus said to them, "While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom do not fast, do they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast "But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

**Jesus response: Nobody fasts during a wedding. No reason to fast now since I am with them. When I am gone, then there will be a reason.**

**Spiritual fasts are good. When you fast, you are Tugging on the hem (Tassels) of his garment.**

**V21** "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.

**V22** "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins [as well;] but [one puts] new wine into fresh wineskins."

**New wine & skins – both the new wine and new skins are preserved. There is a new covenant, the Gospel, not the law.**

**New garment on new man. You need Jesus and the Holy Spirit to change your life.**

**V23-24** And it came about that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads [of grain.] And the Pharisees were saying to Him, "See here, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

**Deuteronomy 23:25** "When you enter your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not wield a sickle in your neighbor's standing grain.

**Jews expanded their traditions to make the Sabbath a burden.**

**4th Accusation: You break the Sabbath.**

**V25** And He \*said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and became hungry, he and his companions:

**V26** how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar [the] high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for [anyone] to eat except the priests, and he gave [it] also to those who were with him?"

**V27-28** And He was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. "Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

**In Summary Lets review these 4 accusation:**

**1. You can't forgive sin**

**Jesus Response: I have authority to forgive sins**

**2. You eat and drink with Sinners**

**Jesus Response: I came to save the lost.**

**3. You do not fast**

**Jesus response: No reason to fast while I am here**

**4. You break the Sabbath**

**Jesus Response: I am Lord of the Sabbath**

**Wonderful Wonderful Jesus**