

Mark 2

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2 And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. (Peter lived in Capernaum. This might have been at his house)

² And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. (Jesus' ministry was to teach the Word of God, not the traditions of men that were being preached in the synagogues. People are naturally drawn to hear the truth)

³ And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. (This man was paralyzed, so he was being carried by four men)

⁴ And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. (They had great faith in Jesus, to have gone through so much trouble to approach Him. They went through the roof; because the house was so full of people that they couldn't get through the door)

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. (God appreciates our faith. Only God can forgive sins. Jesus was God with us, so He was able)

⁶ But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, (Only God can forgive sins. They thought that Jesus was usurping God. They didn't believe that Jesus is God)

(Also, these scribes saw Jesus as a threat to end their money making racket in the synagogues. It was all about collecting tithes)

⁷ Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? (These guys are looking for any excuse to discredit Jesus so they can have Him killed. They know that only God can forgive sins and they don't believe that Jesus is God)

⁸ And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? (Jesus, being God with us, can read their minds. HE knew what they were thinking)

⁹ Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? (Is it easier to forgive sins; or to heal a paralyzed man?)

¹⁰ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) (They wanted proof, so Jesus gave them proof. That should have convinced them right then. It didn't because they refused to believe)

NOTE: (Jesus called Himself – Son of man; HE was God with us, born in the flesh through Mary)

¹¹ I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. (There's their proof. Man cannot heal with words. Only God can do that; and He did. Will they change their evil ways and believe in Jesus?)

¹² And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion. (The scribes and priests were amazed by this miracle; but would they be convinced? The other people were)

(But these scribes and priests wanted Jesus gone. They weren't looking to be converted)

(They chose to continue their evil ways, rather than to be converted and become Christians. We all make our choices in life; and then we have to live with them)

¹³ And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. (Again, a good example to Christians; God wants doers as well as believers. Jesus never stopped doing God's work)

¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. (Levi was a tax collector. This man was Matthew – the writer of the Gospel according to Matthew)

(Like the other Apostles, Jesus knew Matthew, from the First Age. HE knew that He could trust him. HE didn't ask Mathew to follow Him. HE told him to; and Mathew did so without hesitation)

¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. (Unfortunately, most people followed Jesus in order to see miracles; instead of being there to learn the true Word of God. They wanted to see Jesus put on a show for them)

¹⁶ And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? (publicans = tax collectors) (The priests thought they were too good to be with sinners and tax collectors. They were Holy Joes, self-righteous hypocrites)

NOTE: (God sends priests and disciples to do what Jesus was doing – communing with and teaching the sinners to repent and to get right with God. These Pharisees had missed the whole point of Christianity)

¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Jesus is trying to remind them about their mission as priests. They're not listening. They are not righteous with God. They are self-righteous)

¹⁸ And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? (They were celebrating because the Messiah was with them. Why would they fast? Fasting is a part of mourning. They will mourn after Jesus is gone. That will be the proper time to fast)

¹⁹ And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. (It was a time for happiness, not for fasting)

(Jesus used the metaphor of the great wedding in order to teach people about God, being reuniting with His church - His followers. It was a time for celebration)

²⁰ But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. (This speaks of the crucifixion of Jesus, in those days; and also of the coming of antichrist at the 6th Trump in the end days. That will be the time of mourning and of fasting)

²¹ No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. (Putting on a patch of new material on old clothes – when washed, the new patch will shrink and make the tear worse in the old clothes, which had already been washed and shrunken)

(Their minds were well worn in with the old traditions of men. They can't accept a new teaching of Jesus; even when it is proven by His miracles. They are too indoctrinated in the traditions of men to change their ways)

²² And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles. (Bottles were made of animal skins. New wine will ferment and create pressure. A new bottle will stretch from the pressure. An old bottle cannot stretch because it has cured. It will tear and spill the wine)

NOTE: (These are two examples of Jesus teachings to the old school synagogues; that were teaching traditions on men. They will not accept Jesus' teachings no matter how many miracles they witness. Only people who aren't brainwashed in the old traditions of men will accept the true Word of God. The Jews today are still waiting for the coming of Messiah. They missed it by two thousand years)

²³ And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. (This was called gleaning. It was a legal means for the poor to feed themselves, after the field had been harvested by the owner. The landowners were expected to leave a little grain on the plants for the poor people, when they harvested their crops)

²⁴ And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? (Who said that it is unlawful? The Pharisees did. Jesus didn't say that. The disciples were priests in training under Jesus. A priest is supposed to work on the Sabbath day)

²⁵ And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him? (David was also a prophet in his own right. He worked in God's service. He scripted many Psalms for God. God inspired him to do that)

²⁶ How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? (**Abiathar = father of abundance**)

(King David was a king but he was also a prophet of God. He wrote many of the Psalms. It was OK for him to eat the showbread, which was reserved for the priests. God didn't object to that. Why are these Pharisees objecting?)

²⁷ And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: (**The Sabbath days were set aside for men to rest; not to make slaves of men under penalty of punishment**)

²⁸ Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. (**Jesus is Lord of lords, King of kings. Only in Jesus can we find true rest & peace of mind**)

See 1Corinthians-5:6-7 (Christ became our Passover – the place where Christians find rest & peace of mind)

NOTE: (In Egypt on the first Passover, the blood of lambs saved people from the angel of death. Jesus became the Lamb of God on the cross, in order to save all men who follow Him from spiritual death. Death is one of the Devil's names) Hebrews-2:14