



No Time to Relax!

Mark 2

A. Jesus Heals a Paralytic [2:1-12]

- [1] The Miracle [2:1-5]
- [2] The Pushback [2:6-7]
- [3] The Blessing [2:8-12]

B. Jesus Declares the Unimaginable [2:13-27]

- [1] Transformation - Mission [13-17]
- [2] Transition - New Situation [18-22]
[Old and New are Incompatible]
- [3] Tradition [23-27]
[Danger of Incorrect Interpretation]

Study Questions/Prayer

- [1] Reflecting on the faith of the paralytic's friends who went to great lengths to bring him to Jesus, how can we demonstrate our faith through actions in our daily lives? Are there specific situations where we need to take bold steps to help others encounter Jesus?
- [2] Considering Jesus' authority to forgive sins and heal, how does this understanding impact our view of Jesus in our personal lives? Do we fully trust in his power to forgive our sins and bring healing to our lives?
- [3] Pray that the way we live our lives truly aligns with the true spirit of Jesus' calling on our lives.

THE "THROUGH PETER'S EYES" READING CHALLENGE [THE GOSPEL OF MARK]

Read Mark 3

Answer the question below

What did you learn about Jesus in this chapter?

Mark 2:1-2 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. [s Matthew 4:13, Mark 2:1]
² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

[The account in Mark 3: 3-12 is also in Matthew 9:2-8/Luke 5:18-26]

Mark 2:6-12 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! [14:64, John 10:36] Who can forgive sins but God alone?" [Psalm 32:5, Isaiah 43:25] ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic — ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" [Luke 7:16]

Mark 2:16-17 And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, [sharing a table meant sharing life] said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [Matthew 11:19, Mark 2:15, Luke 15:2]
¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." [Luke 15:7, John 9:39, Timothy 1:15]

Mark 2:18-22 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? [John 3:29] As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, [Luke 17:22] and then they will fast in that day. [John 16:20] ²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins."

Mark 2:23-27 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, [Matthew 12:1-8, Luke 6:1-5] and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. [Deuteronomy 23:25] ²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" [Exodus 20:9-11] ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, [1 Samuel 21:1-6] when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, [2 Samuel 8:17] and ate the bread of the Presence, [Exodus 25:30, Leviticus 24:5-9] which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷ And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. [Exodus 23:13, Deuteronomy 5:4, Colossians 2:16]