

Assignments on Mark 2

Please read Mark 2 and answer the following questions.

1. What disease did the man have who was brought to Jesus – 2:1-4? What problem did the men have in gaining access to Jesus? How did they solve the problem?

2. What blessing did Jesus first give the man – 2:5? (Think: What is the greater blessing: physical healing or spiritual healing? Why is this so?)

3. What objection did some raise to Jesus' conduct – 2:6,7?

4. **Application:** Were these men right in their belief about who can forgive sins? What application can be made to those today who teach that people must go to a certain kind of man in order that he can forgive their sins?

5. What question did Jesus ask the men, and what reason did He state why He was healing the man – 2:9,10?

6. What happened to the paralyzed man? What effect did it have on the people – 2:11,12?

7. **Special Assignment:** If only God can forgive sins, but Jesus here proved that He could forgive sins, what does this prove about the nature of Jesus? What mistake had the religious leaders of the Jews made? What lessons should we learn?

8. List other **passages** that state the deity of Jesus.

9. How does this event show Bible miracles were impossible by natural law?

10. **Application:** What lessons should we learn about the purpose of miracles?

11. Whom did Jesus call next – 2:13,14? What other name did this man have?

12. What work had this man been doing? Why might it have been unusual for Jesus to call a man of this occupation?

13. How did he respond to the call of Jesus?

14. What event did Levi arrange for Jesus, and who attended – 2:15?

15. What criticism did this lead some to make against Jesus – 2:16?

16. What illustration did Jesus use to explain His conduct – 2:17? Explain.

17. **Application:** Is there danger of having too close an association with those who do not serve the Lord? How should Jesus' teaching be applied in order to harmonize this biblical principle with His own association with sinners?

18. What question was then asked of Jesus, and who asked it – 2:18?

19. Explain what fasting involved and list other Scriptures about it.

20. How did Jesus illustrate His answer to the question? Explain the illustration.

21. Describe the illustration that Jesus uses in 2:21 about new cloth on an old garment. Explain the significance.

22. What similar illustration does He use in 2:22? (Think: Is it proper to use this illustration to justify drinking of alcoholic beverages today?)

23. What were Jesus' disciples doing as they traveled – 2:23? Check Old Testament cross-references and explain whether or not this constituted stealing.

24. What criticism was raised in 2:24?

25. **Special Assignment:** Some people say Jesus did violate the Sabbath law, so He did not believe in strict obedience to God's law. List other *passages* that show whether or not Jesus ever disobeyed God's law. What consequences would follow if Jesus had disobeyed?

26. According to the parallel account in Matthew 12:7, did Jesus agree or disagree with the accusation that His disciples were guilty as accused? If so, what were the real reasons for the accusations that were made (note that Matthew's account is especially helpful here)?

27. According to the following passages, what were some activities that could be viewed as work but did not violate the Sabbath law: Matthew 12:5,9-14; John 7:21-24; 5:17-19. What should we conclude about whether or not the Sabbath law forbade all kinds of work?

28. What Old Testament event did Jesus use in 2:25,26 to help answer the accusers? (Think: Did David do right or wrong? Was Jesus justifying David or simply showing the inconsistency of those who made accusation against His disciples?)

29. What principle did Jesus state in 2:29? How does this help answer the accusations?

30. What relationship did Jesus have to the Sabbath according to 2:28? In what sense is this true, and what does it mean about Jesus' authority to properly apply the Sabbath law?