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# The Gospel of Mark

Christ the Servant

# Healing

- Every form of disease healed by our Lord seems to picture some aspect of sin:
  - ...a fever burning in the soul;
  - ...a leprosy polluting the whole being;
  - ...a palsy making one utterly unable to take a step toward God;
  - ...a withered hand incapable of true service.
- Whatever form sin may take, Jesus can give complete deliverance from it.

# Chapter 2

- <sup>1</sup> And again he entered into Capernaum, after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.

**Mark 2:1-2**

- This seems to be at Peter's house

# Chapter 2

- 3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.
- 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.

**Mark 2:3-4**

# Chapter 2

- 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.
- 6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
- 7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

**Mark 2:5-7**

- Faith without works is dead! - James 2:20

# Chapter 2

- 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?
- 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?

**Mark 2:8-9**

- **God knows our thoughts — Psalm 139:1-2**



# Chapter 2

<sup>10</sup> 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,)

<sup>11</sup> I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

**Mark 2:10-11**

- ‘Son of Man’ is a Messianic title
  - Used 14X in Mark’s Gospel; 80X in the Gospels (see Daniel 7:13-14).

# Chapter 2

- 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.
- 13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

**Mark 2:12-13**



# Woe to Capernaum!

- All this 'witness' was to no avail!

<sup>12</sup> And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven,  
shalt be brought  
down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done  
in thee, had  
been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.  
But I say unto  
you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom  
in the day of  
judgment, than for thee.

**Matthew 11:23-24**

# Woe to Capernaum!

- This answers those who question why God doesn't just... (fill in the blank)

# Chapter 2

- 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.
- 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.

**Mark 2:1-2**

# Introducing Matthew

- Matthew was a devout Jew who knew the Scriptures
  - disillusioned with the religious pretence of his day
  - He had 'defected' to now serve Rome thus would have been 'excommunicated'
- He would have had shorthand skills as a public tax collector
- He would have been accompanied by a Roman guard
  - Collecting taxes for Rome

# Introducing Matthew

- Matthew was now an outcast from his own nation..
- But he now walks away from his career and security

# Chapter 2

- 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?
- 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.

**Mark 2:16-17**



# Chapter 2

- 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?
- 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.

**Mark 2:18-19**

# Chapter 2

- 20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.
- 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.

**Mark 2:20-21**

# Chapter 2

- 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.
- 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.

**Mark 2:22-23**

# Chapter 2

- 24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?
- 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?

**Mark 2:24-25**

# Chapter 2

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?

**Mark 2:26**

# Chapter 2

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

**Mark 2:27-28**



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