

THE BOOK OF MARK

Have Life Church – Virtual Bible Study: Mark 2

Mark 2 seeks to involve the reader in the gospel's witness to Jesus Christ. He does this through an uncomplicated and vivid literary style. He also writes in such a way that the discerning reader feels addressed or questioned, often by Jesus Himself. Mark does not aim to merely convey information. But rather, to furnish grounds for our decision to follow and keep following the main character of the gospel: Jesus Christ.

Quote:

“Jesus doesn’t just have authority over some things; He has authority over all things.”

J. Lindell



Dr. Sho's Big Point:

In our Bible study according to the Book of Mark, we find a fast-paced, storytelling account of Jesus' life, leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. The book highlights him as the Messiah and Son of God, who is performing miracles and ministry on his journey to the cross—often speaking in parables, directly confronting religious leaders who sought to condemn him, and building disciples to speak the Good News along the way.

Mark 2:2, 10-12 NIV

2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

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 tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”** 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Teaching Points

1. Jesus Authority Astounds and Offends (Mark 2:1-12)
 - Conflict with Religious leaders
 - Conflict with forgiving sin
 - Three Miracles
 - 1) Jesus knew their thoughts,
 - 2) He forgave their sins, and
 - 3) He physically healed the paralytic.
 - Son of Man
2. Follow Me
3. Fasting
4. Lord of the Sabbath

Parallel Reading: Consider the following chapters for additional Bible study to parallel Mark 2:

- Teaching with Authority
[Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:31-37](#)
- Jesus heals a paralyzed man
[Matthew 9:1-8, Luke 5:17-26, Ephesians 2:17](#)
- The Disciples pick wheat on the Sabbath
[Matthew 12:1-8, Luke 6:1-5](#)
- Religious Leaders ask Jesus about fasting
[Matthew 9:14-17, Luke 5:33-39](#)
- Jesus heals a man's hand on the Sabbath
[Matthew 12:9-14, Luke 6:6-11](#)