

Mark 2

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Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹ And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the 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.

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.

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?

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?

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,)

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

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 Calling of Levi

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

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.

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.

A Question About Fasting

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.

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.

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.

Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

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.

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?

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?

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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

Forgive — ἀφίημι (Aphiemi)

To send away, forgive, release

The Greek **aphiemi** (ἀφίημι) means to send away or release—canceling a debt or dismissing an offense. Jesus taught us to pray 'forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' (Matthew 6:12).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Priest — ιερέυς (Hiereus)

Priest

The Greek **hiereus** (ιερέυς) means priest. Christ is our eternal High Priest (Hebrews 4:14) after the order of Melchizedek, and believers form a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9).

Repent — μετανοέω (Metanoeo)

To change one's mind, repent

The Greek **metanoeo** (μετανοέω) means to change one's mind or purpose—a complete transformation of thinking. John the Baptist and Jesus both began their ministries with 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaaios** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Mark 2:2 **Parallel theme:** Mark 1:45; 2:13

Mark 2:4 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 22:8; Luke 5:19

Mark 2:5 **Faith:** Matthew 9:2; 9:22; Luke 5:20; Ephesians 2:8; James 5:15. **Sin:** John 5:14

Mark 2:6 **Parallel theme:** Mark 8:17

Mark 2:7 **Sin:** Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18; Luke 5:21; 7:49. **References God:** Daniel 9:9.

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Spirit: Acts 5:3. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 139:2; Ezekiel 38:10; Luke 6:8; 24:38; Acts 8:22.

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Mark 2:9 **Resurrection:** Matthew 9:5

Mark 2:10 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 16:13. **Sin:** Acts 5:31

Mark 2:11 **Parallel theme:** Mark 1:41

Mark 2:12 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 9:33. **Glory:** Matthew 9:8; Luke 7:16

Mark 2:13 **Parallel theme:** Mark 4:1

Mark 2:14 **Parallel theme:** Luke 6:15

Mark 2:15 **Sin:** Luke 15:1

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Parallel theme: Isaiah 65:5; Luke 19:10; 1 Corinthians 2:15. **Resurrection:** Luke 18:11; Acts 23:9. **Sin:** Luke 19:7

Mark 2:17 **Righteousness:** Isaiah 55:7; Luke 15:7. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 18:10; Luke 15:29; 19:10; John 9:40. **Sin:** Isaiah 1:18; Luke 15:10; Titus 2:14. **Repentance:** Acts 20:21

Mark 2:18 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 6:16; 6:18; Luke 18:12

Mark 2:20 **Parallel theme:** Luke 17:22; Revelation 19:7; 21:9

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Mark 2:24 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 20:10; Hebrews 12:3. **Word:** Matthew 12:2

Mark 2:25 **Parallel theme:** Luke 10:26

Mark 2:26 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 21:1; 2 Samuel 8:17; 1 Chronicles 24:6

Mark 2:27 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 23:12; Deuteronomy 5:14; Isaiah 58:13; Ezekiel 20:12; 20:20; Luke 6:9; Colossians 2:16. **Creation:** John 7:23

Mark 2:28 **References Lord:** Matthew 12:8; Revelation 1:10. **Parallel theme:** John 9:14; Ephesians 1:22

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