

# The Gospel of Mark

**Group Guide:** Week 7, Mark 2:13-3:6

## INTRODUCTION

The drama of Mark moves pretty fast. In chapter 1, the reader is barely introduced to Jesus before he begins to preach with authority, fight for those who are spiritually oppressed and heal the sick. Chapter 2 immediately brings conflict between Jesus and the Jewish religious rulers. From the beginning of chapter 2 to chapter 3 verse 6 Jesus has 5 confrontational encounters with the Scribes and Pharisees. By the end of these encounters Jesus is so much an enemy of the religious rulers that they will conspire with their enemies of the state (the Herodians) to kill Jesus. The reader is getting a glimpse of what lies ahead for Jesus as the story unfolds. A couple of questions come to mind. How will Jesus respond? Will he continue to assert his authority?

## PRAYER

## READ

Ask two people to read Mark 2:13 - 3:6

## SUMMARIZE

Ask two people to summarize the passage who didn't summarize last week or who have not summarized a passage yet.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share whether you consider yourself a rule follower or not. How does it affect your relationship with Jesus?
  
2. Reread verse 17. Jesus did not come for the healthy but the unhealthy, not for the righteous but for the unrighteous. Share why that is such good news for you today. Why do you think this passage is still important for Christians to remember?

## N.T. FURTHER READING

Matt. 9:9-17, Luke 5:27-6:5; 1 Cor. 1:26-31

## O.T. FURTHER READING

Isaiah 62:5 Hos. 2:19-20; 1 Samuel 21:1-9

## FURTHER STUDY

As you read write out any words in this passage that would be helpful for you to look up in a dictionary.

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