

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 2 – Chapter 2,3



Chapter 2 Stories

Event	Main Points
Healing the Paralytic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faith Meets Compassion• Jesus has authority over physical healing and over the power of sin
Calling of Matthew	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Shared Jesus with Friends• Jesus came to call the sinners
Questions About Fasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus's New Covenant does not fit into Old Ways
Gleaning Grain on the Sabbath	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As "The Son of Man", Jesus has Authority over the Sabbath• Contrast of the Bondage of Traditions and the Freedom of Jesus' New Covenant

Overall Theme:

Jesus has authority over both the physical world and the spiritual world



Israel in the time of Jesus

ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

1ST CENTURY AD



Chapter 3 Stories

Event	Main Points
Healing on the Sabbath	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus demonstrates authority over physical healing and the Sabbath• Religious leaders begin the opposition plot against Jesus
Growing Growds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evil Spirits acknowledge Jesus as Messiah
Choosing the 12 Apostles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apostles follow Jesus, Preach, Cast out Demons
Jesus and Satan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus refutes the accusation with logic (common sense)• What is the “Unforgivable Sin”?
Jesus’ Mother and Brothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone who believes in Jesus is part of Jesus’ spiritual family

Overall Theme: Growth in ministry brings opposition



Application

- Growth in a church (spiritual or numerical) can bring opposition
- Personal spiritual growth can bring opposition
- How do we counter the opposition?
 - Armor of God and Prayer
 - Be Ready

Red Letter Theology points

- Jesus teaches repentance ... and FAITH/BELIEF
- Jesus is the one who forgives our sins
- Jesus came to seek sinners
- It is ESSENTIAL that we believe Jesus IS GOD
- Anyone is welcome in Jesus' family
 - Believing is the only requirement



Overall Themes of Chapters 2,3

- Jesus is the Messiah and brings a New Covenant
- Growth in Ministry brings Opposition

