



Mark Chapters 2-3:12

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Mark Chapter 1

REVIEW

- Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist
- Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan
- Jesus began his ministry “the time has come; kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”
- Jesus called the first disciples (Simon, Andrew, James, John)
- Jesus shows power-cast out demon in the synagogue
- Jesus shows compassion- heals many
- Jesus heals a leper, that said ,” *if you are willing make me clean*” Jesus stated “I am willing”
- Jesus' popularity grows (because “He” willing)
- Jesus is unable enter a town openly (because “He” is willing)

Mark 2:1-2

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Mark 2:1-2

The people
came
For different
reasons

**The people heard and the people came to see .
(Each group has their reason for coming to see Jesus)**

- Hometown folks
- People looking for miracles
- Teachers of the Law (Pharisees and Scribes-looking to find fault)

**When God starts to work the enemy begins to work also
When God starts working there is usually opposition**

What are some words that describe opposition?

**Opposition can come from many directions
The enemy is not a respecter of persons or places**

Friends-Frenemies

Family-Foes-(David)

Co-workers-Co-conspirators(Judas)

People in power (John the Baptist)

Enemy will use those that susceptible to being used

What are some ways can avoid being used by Satan

Ways to avoid being used by Satan

Ephesians 6:10-11

- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- **SUBMIT TO GOD**
- **STAY IN THE WORD**
- **STAND ON THE WORD**
- **SURROUND YOURSELF WITH STRONG CHRISTIANS**

Mark 2:3-5

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Mark 2:3-5

Jesus' healing
of a paralyzed man
provokes
opposition

V. 3-4

- **Jesus is preaching the word and performing miracles.**
- 4 men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus so to be healed
- The men faced opposition getting to Jesus
- Often, it is not easy to bring our friends to Christ.

What are some things that stop us sharing Jesus with others?

V.5 Jesus saw their faith.

- Jesus blessed the faith of the group
- Our faith, witness can bless others

Jesus forgives sin first

- Sin is the worst illness we will ever have (Sometimes we have to confront it)

Mark 8:36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

Jesus know the cause of our problems & has a plan

Nathan-David

Prophets-Israel

Make yourself available to God- you may be a part of his plan.

Mark 2:6-12

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, 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!”

Mark 2:6-12

Opposition surrounding Forgiveness

V.6-8

Silently the scribes were accusing Jesus of blasphemy

Blasphemy-disrespecting God

Scribes & Pharisees were thinking he is claiming to be God.

They were blind to Jesus' divinity is on display, but they can't see

Jesus tells them what they are thinking in their heart

Mark 7:21-22 For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly,

Jesus uses what's in their arrogant hearts to show who he is:

Authority-Only God can forgive sin

Power – He can heal both he spiritual and physical

Shows who he is –He is the Messiah

The scholars and experts in the law were missing who they were waiting for and praying for.

Sometimes we inadvertently work in opposition to what God is doing in our lives. What might cause us to miss or delay what Jesus is doing in our lives?

Mark 2:9-12

Opposition surrounding Forgiveness (cont.)

V. 10-11-Jesus performed a tangible miracle to show that he had the power and authority to forgive sins and heal physically.

“But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So, he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

Jesus was not being adversarial he was trying to help them.
Benefits of showing proof when we face opposition

Benefits of showing proof of our perspective

- Helps those who oppose us see our point of view
- Allows us to access/test our perspective
- Helps us avoid making mistakes

Promotes unity with results in blessing and brings God glory

Psalm133-Behold how good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity...For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Mark 2:12 ²He 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!” PEOPLE LEFT PRAISING

Mark 2:13-17

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:13-17

Opposition
surrounding
Fellowship

- Jesus calls Levi (Mathew) "Follow Me" the tax collector he immediately follows,
- Jesus has dinner at Levi's House- other tax collectors and sinners (Jews that did not keep the law)

Tax Collectors were considered unclean

Traitors-they worked Rome

Known to cheat/extort people to make money for them selves

Pharisees ask, "Why does he eat with tax collectors?"

Pharisees means, separated ones, (Separated form anything they thought was not holy..

What is the Pharisees real problem?

Can you rephrase their question to reflect their rue problem?

Jesus answered, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:13-17

Opposition
surrounding
Fellowship
(Cont.)

Jesus' answer reflects his purpose

He is the Great Physician that came to heal sinners

“..I come so that they may have life and have it more abundantly”

The fact the Pharisees shunned sinners instead of helping them was an indictment against themselves not Jesus

Matthew 23:13 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to...Therefore you will receive greater condemnation”

Pharisees

- Relied on their own righteousness
- Thought they were better because they knew the law
- Cold hearts no compassionate hearts

How can we show more compassion to the unchurched, poor, and people that are visibly sinning?

Mark 2:13-17

Opposition
surrounding
Fellowship
(Cont.)

FOOD
FOR
THOUGHT

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**PRAY AND ASK GOD TO USE YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM TO HELP
SOMEONE COME INTO OR STRENGTHEN
THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

Mark 2:18-22

18. Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹ "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

Mark 2:18-22

Opposition surrounding Fasting

Something different is going on

- John the Baptist & the Pharisees disciples are fasting
- Jesus' disciples are not fasting
- Jesus is asked why his disciples are not fasting

Jesus equates himself to a bridegroom and proper response to the bridegroom.

John describes the response to proper response the bride groom:
29 **The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice.**

It was a time for the disciples to rejoice
Jesus was with them

- They were in a relationship with Jesus
- They were learning,
- Seeing miracles
- Fellowshiping with Jesus

Mark 2:18-22

Opposition surrounding Fasting

There is a time for fast but fasting and traditions won't make you holy

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS MAKES US HOLY.
2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS SHOULD MAKE US HAPPY

Can you think of any traditions the church, or our person lives that we mistake as signs of holiness or spirituality?

Mark 2:18-22

Opposition
surrounding
Fasting
(cont.)

Jesus challenges the validity of traditions

- New patches on old garments will pull away and make the tear worse
- New wine in old wine skins will make the wine skin burst

Jesus came to do something new

- He would fulfill the old (law)
- Usher in Grace & Freedom-instead of Law and Traditions

Mark 2:23-28

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

²⁵ He answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Mark 2:23-28

Opposition
surrounding
Freedom

Jesus is accused of breaking the law

The disciples picked some heads off of grain on the Sabbath
Sabbath : Mosaic Law“ Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy”

No work was allowed!

Pharisees asked “...**why are they doing what is unlawful on the sabbath?**”

Jesus challenges their knowledge of scripture.

Deut 23:25 When you come into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor’s standing grain.

They were not breaking the law

Jesus challenges their cold hearts

Jesus references David eating feeding his hungry soldiers
concreated bread from the altar that only pries were supposed to eat. Sam. 21:1-6

Mark 2:23-28

Opposition
surrounding
Freedom
(cont.)

Jesus interprets the true meaning of the Sabbath for the Pharisees

You have got it twisted

“The Sabbath was made for man”:

- Man needed rest from his labor
- God rested from his labor after creation

“Not man for the Sabbath”

They had turned the Sabbath into a burden to man

Keeping all the man-made rules

- The Sabbath was not intended to be heartless and cruel task master The sabbath was not intended to interfere with human need

- V.-27 states **“So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath”**.

True rest Our rest can only be found in Jesus

What ways does Jesus give us rest?

Mark 3:1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 3:1-6

The Plot to kill Jesus begins

Jesus continues to challenge the religious leaders

- Scriptural interpretations
- Traditions
- Hearts

- V. 2 Pharisees were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus
Jesus takes them on!
- Jesus heals a man in the synagogue on the Sabbath

Jesus asks “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?”

Anyone who knows the good they should do and does not do it sins (James 4:17)

Who was sinning Jesus or Pharisees?

The religious leaders

- Would not answer
- Would not open themselves to change
- Would not open themselves to Jesus
- Religious leaders began to plot to kill Jesus

Mark 3:7-12

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. ⁸ When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. ⁹ Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. ¹⁰ For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. ¹¹ Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹² But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

Mark 3:7-12

Jesus continues his
ministry of
Teaching and
Healing

Jesus continued to draw crowds

LESSON FOR US

Jesus did not stop because of opposition.

- We should not let opposition stop us from continuing down our God directed paths

The people that were not in opposition to change were blessed.

- Don't get stuck in yesterday, traditions or your own way , let Jesus be the Lord and us the Followers..

Many would rather see people, relationships, churches fail rather than open themselves to change, admit they are wrong or give up power.

James 4:6 "...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"

When you face opposition remember the grace that you have received when you were in opposition to God and extend that kind of grace to those who oppose you!