

Mark 2

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2 And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. (Peter lived in Capernaum. It may have been at his 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. (Jesus' ministry was to teach the Word of God, not the traditions of men that were being preached in the synagogues. People are naturally drawn to hear the truth)

³ And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. (He was paralyzed and was being carried by four men)

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. (They had great faith in Jesus, to have gone through so much trouble to approach Him. They went though the roof because the house was full of people)

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. (Only God can forgive sins. Jesus was God with us, so He was able)

⁶ But there was certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, (These scribes saw Jesus as a threat to end their money making racket in the synagogues. It was all about collecting tithes)

⁷ Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? (These guys are looking for any excuse to discredit Jesus so they can have Him killed. They know that only God can forgive sins and they don't believe that Jesus is God)

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? (Jesus, being God with us, can read their minds. HE knew what they were thinking)

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,) (They wanted proof, so Jesus gave them proof. That should have convinced them right then. It didn't because they refused to believe)

(Jesus called Himself – Son of man; HE was God with us, born in the flesh through Mary)

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. (They were amazed but would they be convinced? The people were. The scribes wanted Jesus gone. They weren't looking to be converted)

¹³ And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. (Again, a good example to Christians; God wants doers as well as believers. Jesus never stopped doing God's work)

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. (He was a tax collector. This man was Mathew – the writer of the Gospel according to Mathew) (Like the other Apostles, Jesus knew him, from the First Age; and knew that HE could trust him. HE didn't ask Mathew to follow Him. HE told him to, and Mathew did so)

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. (Unfortunately, most followed Jesus to see miracles, instead of being there to learn the true Word of God)

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? (publicans = tax collectors) (The priests thought they were too good to be with sinners and tax collectors – Holy Joes, self-righteous hypocrites)

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. (Jesus is trying to remind them of their mission as priests. They're not listening. They are not righteous; they are self-righteous)

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? (They were happy because the Messiah was with them. Why would they fast? They will mourn after Jesus is crucified)

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. (It was a time for happiness, not for fasting. Jesus used the symbolic great wedding to teach people about God, reuniting with His church; His followers. Not with the churches and denominations of men)

²⁰ But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. (The crucifixion of Jesus, in those days; and also the coming of antichrist at the 6th Trump in the future)

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. (Putting on a patch of new material on old clothes – when washed, the new material will shrink and make the tear worse in the old clothes, which had already been washed and shrunken)

(Their minds were well worn with the traditions of men. They can't accept a new teaching, even when it is backed by the sight of miracles)

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. (Bottles were made of animal skins. New wine will ferment and create pressure. A new bottle will stretch from the pressure. An old bottle cannot stretch because it has cured. It will tear and spill the wine)

(These are two examples of Jesus teachings about the old school synagogues that taught traditions on men. They will not accept Jesus' teachings no matter how many miracles they witness. Only people who aren't brainwashed in the old traditions of men will accept the true

Word of God. The Jews today are still waiting for the coming of Messiah. They missed it by two thousand years)

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. (This was called gleaning. It was legal, but only for the poor to feed themselves. The landowners were expected to leave a little grain behind for the poor when they harvested their crops)

²⁴ And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? (The Pharisees said it was not lawful. Jesus didn't say that. The disciples were priests in training under Jesus. Priests work on the Sabbath day)

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? (David was also a prophet in his own right and worked in God's service. He scripted many Psalms for God. God inspired him to do that)

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? (Abiathar = father of abundance) (King David was a king but he was also a prophet of God. He wrote many of the Psalms. It was OK for him to eat the shewbread)

²⁷ And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: (The Sabbath was set aside for men to rest, not to make slaves of men under penalty of punishment)

²⁸ Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. (Jesus is Lord of lords, King of kings. Only in Jesus can we find true rest & peace of mind)

In 1Corinthians-5:6-7 (Christ became our Passover – the place where Christians find rest & peace of mind)

(In Egypt on the first Passover, the blood of lambs saved people from the angel of death. Jesus became the Lamb of God on the cross to save all men who follow Him, from spiritual death, which is the Devil)