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 BLASPHEMY
 SEASHORE
 SINNERS
 DOCTOR
 FAST
 BRIDEGROOM
 BURST
 EATING
 LAW
 WORK
 ATE
 HIGH
 PRIEST
 MESSIAH

ACROSS

1. What did the religious leaders accuse Jesus' disciples of breaking ? (vs 24)
3. Who sat with Jesus for dinner, that caused the religious leaders to disapprove ? (vs15)
4. What would happen to old wineskins if you put new wine in them ? (vs 22)
5. How many men carried the paralyzed man on a stretcher ? (vs 3)
7. Who decides what men can do on Sabbath days ? (vs 28)
11. The paralyzed man entered the house where Jesus was preaching through a hole in where ? (vs 4)
12. What did David do when he got hungry which was not allowed according to the law ? (vs 26)
13. Who was allowed to eat the special bread ? (vs 26)
14. Who does Jesus refer himself to when he speaks about a wedding feast ? (vs19)
15. What did the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of after He forgave the sins of the paralyzed man ? (vs 7)

DOWN

2. What aren't you suppose to do on the Sabbath day ? (vs 24)
5. What did John's disciples do along with Pharisees that Jesus' disciples didn't ? (vs18)
6. What do sick people need ? (vs17)
8. What were Jesus' disciples doing with the grain ? (vs 23)
9. Where was Jesus preaching when He saw Levi ? (vs13)
10. What type of priest was Abiathar ? (vs 26)



▲ MARK 2:1. The initiative of friends is rewarded when Jesus forgives and heals a paralyzed man.

CHAPTER 2

Q ▲ Jesus forgives and heals a paraplegic

Several days later he returned to Capernaum, and the news of his arrival spread quickly through the city. ²Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there wasn't room for a single person more, not even outside the door. And he preached the Word to them. ³Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. ⁴They couldn't get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through

Q **VALUES TO BUILD ON/Responsibility**
Mark 2:1. See Nehemiah 1:1 (p.490).

the clay roof above his head and lowered the sick man on his stretcher, right down in front of Jesus.

⁵When Jesus saw how strongly they believed that he would help, Jesus said to the sick man, "Son, your sins are forgiven!"

⁶But some of the Jewish religious leaders said to themselves as they sat there, "What? This is blasphemy! Does he think he is God? For only God can forgive sins."

⁸Jesus could read their minds and said to them at once, "Why does this bother you? ⁹⁻¹¹I, the Messiah, have the authority on earth to forgive sins. But talk is cheap—anybody could say that. So I'll prove it to you by healing this man." Then, turning to the paralyzed man, he commanded, "Pick up your stretcher and go on home, for you are healed!"

¹²The man jumped up, took the stretcher, and pushed his way through the stunned onlookers! Then how they praised God. "We've never seen anything like this before!" they all exclaimed.

Jesus befriends a tax collector

¹³Then Jesus went out to the seashore



Is it all right to do kind deeds on Sabbath days? Or is this a day for doing harm? Is it a day to save lives or to destroy them?

—MARK 3:4

again, and preached to the crowds that gathered around him. ¹⁴As he was walking up the beach he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at his tax collection booth. "Come with me," Jesus told him. "Come be my disciple."

And Levi jumped to his feet and went along.

¹⁵That night Levi invited his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners to be his dinner guests so that they could meet Jesus and his disciples. (There were many men of this type among the crowds that followed him.) ¹⁶But when some of the Jewish religious leaders saw him eating with these men of ill repute, they said to his disciples, "How can he stand it, to eat with such scum?"

¹⁷When Jesus heard what they were saying, he told them, "Sick people need the doctor, not healthy ones! I haven't come to tell good people to repent, but the bad ones."

Jesus and his disciples were walking through the fields, the disciples were breaking off heads of wheat and eating the grain.

²⁴Some of the Jewish religious leaders said to Jesus, "They shouldn't be doing that! It's against our laws to work by harvesting grain on the Sabbath."

^{25,26}But Jesus replied, "Didn't you ever hear about the time King David and his companions were hungry, and he went into the house of God—Abiathar was High Priest then—and they ate the special bread only priests were allowed to eat? That was against the law too. ²⁷But the Sabbath was made to benefit man, and not man to benefit the Sabbath. ²⁸And I, the Messiah, have authority even to decide what men can do on Sabbath days!"

Why don't you do what we do?

¹⁸John's disciples and the Jewish leaders sometimes fasted, that is, went without food as part of their religion. One day some people came to Jesus and asked why his disciples didn't do this too.

¹⁹Jesus replied, "Do friends of the bridegroom refuse to eat at the wedding feast? Should they be sad while he is with them? ²⁰But some day he will be taken away from them, and then they will mourn. ²¹[Besides, going without food is part of the old way of doing things.] It is like patching an old garment with unshrunk cloth! What happens? The patch pulls away and leaves the hole worse than before. ²²You know better than to put new wine into old wineskins. They would burst. The wine would be spilled out and the wineskins ruined. New wine needs fresh wineskins."

Jesus talks about the Sabbath

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