



# SERMON NOTES

Week 2 February 26, 2023

“Everyone is Invited”

Mark 1:1, 14–15, 22, 28, 39–40, 41–45;

Mark 2:2–12, 14



## I. Introduction/Review

- A. The Gospel of Mark is simply Mark documenting \_\_\_\_\_ experience with Jesus.
- B. The good news that Jesus preached over and over again was “the time has come, the kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_, repent and believe the good news.”
- C. Jesus came along and removed three \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

## II. Meeting Needs Over Religious Rituals

- A. Jesus chose to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ of people while ignoring religious rituals and political correctness.
- B. It was a time of \_\_\_\_\_ during Jesus’ ministry. Things were slowly changing and the old was passing away.

## III. The Forgiveness of Sins

- A. Jesus claimed to have the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ sins.
- B. Jesus substantiates his claim to forgive sins by \_\_\_\_\_ reversing the consequence of sin.
- C. Jesus, because of His \_\_\_\_\_ for you, has forgiven and erased your sin.

## IV. Everyone is Invited

- D. Any Jewish man who became a tax collector was \_\_\_\_\_ by the people in the Jewish community.
- E. Even people like Levi, who had betrayed his people out of greed, were \_\_\_\_\_ into the Kingdom of God.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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## INTRODUCTION

Over and over again Jesus proclaimed the good news: "The Kingdom of God is near and everyone is invited to participate." Jesus then proceeded to remove three obstacles to God by ignoring certain religious protocol, claiming to have the authority to forgive sins, and being comfortable with unrepentant sinners. So what does that mean for us today?

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### Monday: Proverbs 3:5-6; Hebrews 11:1-6

The word "faith" appears 336 times in the King James Version. Other translations of the Bible have varying counts, including 458 appearances in the New International Version (the NIV). When you hear the term "faith" in a religious context, what do you assume it means?

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### Tuesday: Mark 2:2-5

Healing the paralytic at Capernaum is one of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. On one occasion, when Jesus was teaching, the people gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left inside the house where he was teaching, not even outside the door. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man but could not get inside, so they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and then lowered the man down. When Jesus saw how faithful they had been, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." What did Jesus see that he equated with faith?

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### Wednesday: Mark 1:38-45

One day a man with a painful skin disease called leprosy went to Jesus. He knew that Jesus had the power to heal everyone who was sick. He believed that Jesus could heal him. Jesus touched the leper and said, "Be clean" (Mark 1:41). As soon as Jesus had spoken, the man was healed. What stands out to you in this passage? Look at verses 39 - 40. How much faith did the leper have? Apparently, it was enough.

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### Thursday: Mark 2:13-14

Tax collectors worked for the government and any Jewish man who became a tax collector was despised by the people in the Jewish community. They were seen as people who betrayed their own people out of greed. Given that Levi was probably viewed as corrupt, how would Jesus' inner circle have felt when Jesus invited Levi into their group? What lessons can we learn from Jesus' invitation to Levi?

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### Friday: Matthew 26:36-39

In the passage, Jesus asked his heavenly father if there was a way he would not have to endure the suffering he is about to face. Jesus' prayer is not answered. We've all had unanswered prayers. Have you ever been blamed or blamed yourself for not having enough faith?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Jesus demonstrated and said that God accepts sinners and invites them into a new kind of kingdom. As a result, Jesus followers were faced with a choice: Do we walk away and save our reputation? Or do we repent and believe the good news? Mark, documenting Peter's experience with Jesus, tells us that this new way would continue to collide with Peter's way. He would have to face fear, insecurity, and prejudice head-on. We must do the same.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Peter's, B) near, C) obstacles. IIA) needs, B) transition. IIIA) forgive, B) physically, C) love. IVA) despised, B) invited.*