

## section #2: Mark 2:1-3:6

Notes:

Thought Block 1: Mark 2:1-12: Healing of Paralytic

- scribes questioned within themselves
- is Jesus' words negative
- Noticed this: vs. 12 - they were all amazed and gloried God

Thought Block 2: Mark 2:13-17: question of who Jesus ate with

- sinners and tax collectors
- is the question negative?
- I did come to call the 'righteous', but the sinner
- wisdom at the end

Thought Block 3: Mark 2:18-22: question of ritual

- question of fasting
- is the question negative?
- old/new cloth and wine/wineskins
- wisdom at the end

Thought Block 4: Mark 2:23-28: Grain fields on the Sabbath

- Accusation not a question
- wisdom at the end

Thought Block 5: Mark 3:1-6: It just got real (healing of man with withered hand)

- They were ready and watching to make an accusation
- vs 5 - question is followed by: and he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and...
- healed the man with a withered hand
- IMMEDIATELY went out to find a way to destroy him
- a far cry from how the first story went down (they were all amazed)

**Overall what is going on?**

1. The relationship with Jesus and the religious leaders did not start out bad
2. Mark gives us the progression of how/why their relationship became strained.
3. I think the new wine and new wine skins sits literally the heart of this larger section - it is central in Mark's thought pattern and all the stories could be summed up with this imagery: Jesus brings new wine, and the Jesus's new ways can not fit into the ways of the religious leaders
4. Also Mark is helping us see that even though the Mark, the prophets, John, God, fisherman, and demons all acknowledge who Jesus is, the religious leaders can not see it. And they can not see it after many encounters with Jesus

To wrap up this first unit:

Section 3:7-35

7-12 - Unclean spirit testifies

13-19 - 12 are appointed

20-35 - at home (religious leaders, his very own family)

next time:

**Mark 4:1-4:34 -**