

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Mark 2

What we will see in this chapter:

- How people showed faith
- Why Jesus did miracles
- Who Jesus wanted to help
- How Jesus answered his critics

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 5	1. What motivated the friends of the paralytic to do what they did?	It was their faith that Jesus could help them, because they wanted their friend to be healed, despite their problems in getting to Jesus.
6 to 12	2. What did Jesus expect people to realise when they saw he could heal people?	Jesus' power to heal was evidence that he had God's authority to forgive sins.
13 & 14	3. What did Jesus do by the seaside?	Jesus taught the people and called Levi (Matthew) the tax collector to follow him.
15 to 17 <i>*Text note: Scribes were experts in the law of Moses. Pharisees kept legal traditions.</i>	4. Why did the *scribes and Pharisees criticise Jesus and how did Jesus respond?	The scribes and Pharisees criticised Jesus for eating with the tax collectors and sinners. Jesus responded by saying he had come to call sinners to repentance, not righteous people.
18 to 20	5. What did Jesus say about his disciples fasting?	Jesus said that his disciples couldn't fast while he was still with them, but when he was no longer there then they would.

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21 & 22	6. What did Jesus say about “new and old” things?	Jesus gave two examples showing that new things couldn't be incorporated into the old.
23 and 24	7. Why did the Pharisees criticise Jesus' disciples?	The Pharisees criticised Jesus' disciples because they were plucking grain on the Sabbath day.
25 to 28	8. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees about the purpose of the Sabbath?	Jesus said that David [an important Jewish king] had done something against a law, and that the Sabbath was for the benefit of people, and that he, the Son of Man, was lord of the Sabbath.

3 Related theme from v 10: *Jesus has God's authority.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Matthew 28 v 18	After his resurrection, Jesus said that he now has all authority and power in heaven and on earth.
John 3 v 35	God has given everything into the hands of Jesus.
John 5 v 22, v 26 and 27	God has given all judgement to Jesus.
Acts 10 v 42	The apostle Peter tells a Roman centurion that Jesus is appointed by God as Judge.