

Understand your Bible

Suggested notes

Mark 3

What we will see in this chapter:

- Jesus asked for more than just observing rituals
- Jesus showed God's power in healing all sorts of illness
- Who Jesus regarded as his family
- What the Bible says about saying offensive things about the power of God

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 and 2	1. What were they [the Pharisees] doing in the synagogue?	They wanted to accuse him. So they were watching to see if he would heal a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath day.
3 to 6	2. What was Jesus teaching the Pharisees about their ritual keeping of the Sabbath?	That it was within the law to do good on the Sabbath, and that their ritual keeping was misguided.
7 to 12	3. What attracted the people to come to Jesus?	Jesus' ability to heal people attracted large crowds.
13 to 21	4. For what purpose did Jesus select the twelve?	Jesus chose twelve disciples to help him with the work of preaching and healing.
22	5. What did the scribes say about Jesus' healings?	The scribes said Jesus healed by the prince of demons.
23 to 30	6. What warning did Jesus give them in reply?	Jesus warned them that by refusing to acknowledge the power of the Holy Spirit, and attributing it to the prince of demons, they were in grave danger of judgement.
31 to 35	7. Who did Jesus say were his family?	He said that those who did the will of God were part of his family.

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3 Related theme from v 29: *The Holy Spirit is God's power.*

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).

Bible verse(s)	Suggested notes
Genesis 1 v 1 and 2 Job 33 v 4 Job 34 v 14 and 15	By his Spirit, God created and sustains all things.
Psalms 139 v 7 to 12	God is everywhere present by his Spirit.
Micah 3 v 8 2 Peter 1 v 20 and 21	By his Spirit God gave us his message in the Bible.
Luke 1 v 35	By his Spirit God caused Jesus Christ to be born.
Luke 24 v 49	The disciples of Jesus Christ were promised special powers.
Acts 16 v 6 and 7	God used the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles.