

## Personal Study

(1) Read Mark 2:1-12 (also Ps 103:3, Isa 43:25, and Lev 24.13-16). Why did the teachers of the law react so strongly to Jesus when he pronounced forgiveness of sins for the lame man? \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) Read Daniel 7:13-14. What is significant about Jesus' claim in Mark 2:10 and 2:28 to be the "Son of Man"? \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Read Mark 2:13-17. Why is it significant that Jesus went into the house of Levi and ate with others at his table? \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) Read Mark 2:18-22 and Isaiah 62:4-5. What point is Jesus making about Himself when he calls Himself the bridegroom? \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) Read Mark 2:23-28 (also Deut 5:12-15). Reword Jesus' critique of the Pharisees' view of the Law in your own words: \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) Read 1 Samuel 21:1-6. What is the importance of Jesus connecting Himself to King David in 1 Samuel 21? \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) Read Mark 3:1-6. Write down all the descriptions of Jesus in these verses – what stands out to you as important? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Personal Application

(1) How has the gospel changed the way you view yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) How has the gospel changed the way you view God? \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) How has the gospel changed the way you view others? \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) In what areas of your life are you most tempted to become legalistic? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) How should Christians who glory in the gospel of Jesus Christ relate to the Law of the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) Which is more hurtful to the witness of the gospel, Christians who sin or Christians who are self-righteous? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) What is God saying to you through your study of this passage this week? What does He want you to learn and to change? \_\_\_\_\_

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## How to Begin a Relationship with God

To begin a personal relationship with God, please consider these four fundamental truths from the Bible:

- (1) God loves you and wants you to enjoy a forever relationship with Him. (John 3:16)
- (2) Failure to live up to God's standard of holy perfection (sin) has resulted in separation from God that will last forever for everyone who does not believe. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- (3) To solve the problem of sin that separates you from God, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. (1 Peter 3:18)
- (4) Everyone who makes a personal decision to trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior from sin receives forgiveness from sin and enters God's forever family. (John 1:12)

If you want to make the decision today to begin a relationship with God, you can express your faith in Christ by personally praying the following:

*"Father, thank You for loving me and wanting a relationship with me. I admit that I have sinned and that I need a Savior. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to pay for my sins. I trust Jesus alone as my Savior. Thank You for making me part of your family."*

If you made a decision today to trust in Jesus as your Savior, let us know by indicating on the communication card OR by telling a pastor or elder. We want the opportunity to rejoice with you and help you take your first steps in this new relationship.



What is the gospel?

*Mark 2:1-12*

Jesus' Teaching: The gospel deals with our \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
The Opposition: Silently questioning Jesus.

*Mark 2:13-17*

Jesus' Teaching: The gospel is for everyone, especially the \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Opposition: Questioning Jesus' disciples.

*Mark 2:18-22*

Jesus' Teaching: The gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God on earth.  
The Opposition: Questioning Jesus directly.

*Mark 2:23-28*

Jesus' Teaching: The gospel destroys \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Opposition: Questioning Jesus directly.

*Mark 3:1-6*

Jesus' Teaching: The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ the heart.  
The Opposition: Plotting against Jesus.

### Theological Principle:

The gospel \_\_\_\_\_ the broken and \_\_\_\_\_ the self-righteous.

### So What? Practical Implications...

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ your brokenness and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ of self-righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_ others.