

## The Gospel According to Mark

### Lesson 2

#### The Lord of the Sabbath

Jesus had begun His active ministry after the age of 30 primarily in the area on the northwest side of the Sea of Galilee in and around Capernaum. After He had amazed everyone with His authoritative teaching of the Word of God, He proved He had the power of God by doing many impressive miracles. In Mark 2:13, Jesus began a practice of calling and appealing to known sinners, as well as contradicting the traditions of the religious leaders by “working” on the Sabbath. These two practices greatly offended the religious leaders, and together with Christ’s rebukes of their unbelief, caused them to conspire against Jesus.

#### Read Mark 2:13-3:6

1. Jesus was teaching the multitudes in 2:13, but who did He call to “Follow Me!”? Who did Jesus dine with in Mark 2:15?
2. Who was appalled at Jesus for hanging out with known sinners (2:16)? What was Jesus’ reply in 2:17?
3. What was the issue that the Pharisees were upset about in Mark 2:18? What was Jesus’ reply?
4. What metaphors did Jesus use to reveal the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in Mark 2:21-22? Is the New Covenant of grace compatible with the Old Covenant of law?
5. What day of the week were the disciples picking grain in Mark 2:23? Why did the Pharisees take exception to that (Mark 2:24, Ex 20:8-10)?

