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

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eaders, and together with Christ's rebukes of their unbelief, caused them to conspire against Jesus.		
<u>Read M</u> 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 apalled 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)?	

6.	What was the first reason Jesus gave to justify their actions (Mark 2:25-26)? What was Jesus' second reason in 2:27?
7.	Who gave the 10 Commandments to Israel (Exodus 20:1-3)? Who is Jesus according to His own words (Mark 2:28)?
8.	What was Jesus' fourth reason that justified hungry men picking and eating grain on the Sabbath (Mark 3:4)?
9.	Where did Jesus go that same day (Mark 3:1-5), and what great miracle did He perform? Besides His compassion for the man, why do you think Jesus did this "work" right in front of the Pharisees (3:2)?
10.	Why do you think God gave the fourth commandment to rest one day a week (Deut 8:11-14; Psalm 46:10)?