

Teen Bible Study Week 13: What did Jesus come to do?

We have seen a little bit about what Jesus can do. We have seen him call people, heal people, and show a little about who he is. Here in Chapter 2 we start to see why Jesus came. Each section in Mark chapter 2 have a common idea behind them, they all show us how people view God and his Law here on earth.

What you will need

1. Bible
2. Pen and Paper

Read Mark 2:1-12

- **What do you think the paralysed man came looking for? Healing or Forgiveness. Why?**
- **How would you react if someone were walking around forgiving sins?**

The forgiveness of sins is an amazing gift. Jesus came so that we could have life and have it to the fullest, and forgiveness is apart of that process. But ultimately only God can forgive sins. When Jesus started forgiving sins he was showing in no uncertain terms that he has the authority of God. But as Jesus said, its easy to say your sins are forgiven, but its harder to say that someone is healed. Both require something to happen, but the healing is visible in the moment, Jesus showed he can do the hard thing and heal in the moment, forcing people to wonder/believe he could forgive sins.

Read Mark 2:13-17

- **What would you call a sign of friendship?**
- **Who would be the people that no one would 'eat' with in our world?**

Back then as today, to eat with someone meant that you accepted them. It was a sign of friendship and love to go and eat at someone's house. You would think that Jesus would come and eat with the best of the best, but Jesus came and ate with the people his society thought were the lowest of the low. Its important to note that Jesus eating with them didn't mean he was ok with what made them sinners, but he came for those in need.

Read Mark 2:18-22

- **What do you think Jesus meant by verse 19?**
- **Have you ever tried fasting?**

This section shows an interesting view into how Jesus wants us to live out our faith. Fasting back then was ceremonial and when the Pharisees did it they would often show off how hard it was to make themselves look amazing. Jesus wants his disciples to show others how happy they are now that Jesus has returned. Jesus then goes on to talk about wine skins and patches. If fasting is ceremonial and apart of the Old Testament way of doing things, then Jesus is trying to show that he isn't here to do things in the old way. He has come to bring a new way, not just fix the old.

Read Mark 2:23-28

- **When is your sabbath? Your day of rest**
- **How important do you think it is to have a day off?**

When you read Genesis, you see that at the end of God creating the world, he rested. Remember that all things were created through Jesus, so Jesus was there at the first Sabbath. The Bible calls people

to keep the Sabbath, to have a time of rest, and at the time of Jesus, what you could do was extremely limited. Jesus, understanding the need and value of this day, shows us a new way of taking that time of rest. Its not about following laws, it's about taking care of ourselves, like David did when he ate bread from the temple.

Jesus has come to earth and shown a new way of doing things. In this new way, sinners are valued, sin is forgiven on the spot and keeping sabbath is for your benefit not a religious ritual.

- **Do you think we live out this new way?**
- **What do you think we could be better at?**
- **Which of these are needed most by your school/community?**

Take some time to pray, pray about this way of following Jesus and how you think it would fit best in our world today.