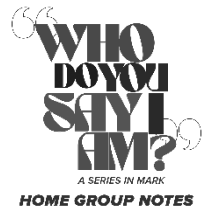


**Home Group Community Notes**  
**Week of January 18, 2026**  
**Mark 2:1-3:6**



By this time in the book of Mark, Jesus has launched His public ministry. The following actions have revealed important things about him:

- He was introduced by a man (John) who fulfilled prophecy from 700 years prior.
- He was affirmed by God the Father from heaven and God the Holy Spirit.
- He was tempted by Satan and yet stayed true in obedience.
- He preached that the “kingdom of God has come near” and called people to “repent and believe the good news.”

Following Jesus introduction and His teaching regarding God’s kingdom, Jesus

- 1) called people to follow him as disciples,
- 2) cast out demons and healed many people,
- 3) traveled with disciples,
- 4) healed a man with leprosy, and
- 5) saw many people traveling for miles to be with him.

**LET’S LEARN FROM THE BIBLE** (also called God’s Word)

**Read through** Mark chapter two.

In 1:38, Jesus said his mission was to teach. Who was in the audience in each story and what was taught?

- 2:1-12
- 2:13-17
- 2:18-22
- 2:23-27

What did Jesus demonstrate or reveal about himself in each of these stories?

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Jesus' actions could be described as 'authority that reveals his identity.' How was Jesus' authority seen in each of the four stories? What does this indicate about his identity?

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### **DISCUSS WHAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT JESUS**

We have learned much about Jesus in these first two chapters. What stands out to you? Which of his actions or teaching is significant to you personally?

If Jesus were to walk through our community, where would you expect to find him? Why?

In one story, the Pharisees asked, ““Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” What do we learn about Jesus? What might we learn from the Pharisee’s attitude? How might this story inform our daily attitudes and actions?

### **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

As you look at these stories, can you identify with any of these people? Is there something that Jesus said or did that you need to apply to your own life? He heals, forgives, and teaches. He has called us to follow him in a love relationship. Spend time this week talking to God about your needs and watch and listen as you pray and read the Bible.

### **PRAYER NEEDS**

- There are many people in our worlds who need a friend, healing, or to meet Jesus. Pray through your week expecting God to reveal people for whom you can pray.
- Please pray for our partners in ministry and mission. Include those serving local and internationally. Ask God to keep them encouraged and strengthened.