

Mark 1:29-2:12

1. It was a great fever
2. Rising to pray by darkness another sign of “messianic secret” which will no longer be a secret after 8:31
3. Jesus only prays three times in Mark
 - a. Here, 6:46 after the feeding of the 5000, and in the Garden of Gethsemane
4. Preaching vs teaching 35-39
5. The Leper
 - a. Jesus has the ability to cure the underlying problem this isn’t a ritual cleansing
 - b. The way health was perceived, this was power over life and death.

2:1-12

1. “your sins are actually/right now truly being forgiven”
 - a. The forgiveness is happening as Jesus is speaking
2. Notice the scribes are sitting.
3. Jesus is able to see into their hearts (a clear example of Jesus’ divinity).
4. So, which one is easier: to say your sins are forgiven or rise pick up your mat and walk?
5. How do we see the kingdom of God coming to these people?
6. Mark uses the phrase “Son of Man” 14 times in the Gospel.
 - a. Ps 8:4-6
 - i. Heb 2:5-9
 - b. Dan 7:13-14

13-17

1. This flipping between teaching and preaching.
2. We see again by a simple command Jesus calls his disciples.
3. Table fellowship
4. Difference between John the Baptist and Jesus
 - a. John functions in the wilderness; Jesus functions in cities and villages
 - b. John eats locusts and wild honey; Jesus eats and drinks as at a feast
 - c. John (probably) abstains from alcohol; Jesus does not
5. Jesus does not abstain from the good gifts of God's creation but participates in them.
6. Verse 17 is both the crux of the Gospel and an accusation at the Pharisees.