

**The Gospel of Mark: a Path Strewn with Sinners
Mark 2:13-3:35**

**Calling a Tax Collector and Supping with Sinners
2:13-17**

What is fantastical about the call of Levi (a.k.a. Matthew)? (pg.19-20)

What is fantastical about your call? (pg.20)

- to faith
- to your vocation

What did Jesus mean when he said, “The strong don’t need a doctor, but the sick”? (pg.21)

How does that statement impact you and the way you view yourself? (pg.22)

**To fast, or not to fast: that is the question.
2:18-22**

How many days out of the year did God demand fasting? (Leviticus 23:26-32)

It wasn’t the time of year for the Day of Atonement... so why were the Pharisees so concerned about Jesus, his disciples and fasting?

Vs19-20 According to Jesus, why would someone fast? (1:14 reference to why John’s disciples might be fasting)

Vs19-20 What future event was Jesus describing?

Why don’t we need to fast or observe the Day of Atonement today? (Hebrews 10:1)

How did the apostles have to address this issue in the early Christian church?

(Acts 15)

How might we apply this principle when it comes to what we do on Sunday morning at church?

**The Sabbath Day
2:23-28**

“We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.”
- Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*

Technically, were the disciples breaking the law? (Exodus 34:21)

Why doesn't Jesus condemn them or David and his men? (Luke 14:1-5)

Why did the LORD create the Sabbath day? (Exodus 20:8-11)

How does the Third Commandment apply to us today? (see above quote)

**A Withered Hand, Confessing Demons and Sleeper Picks
3:1-19**

vs5 Why was Jesus angry and distressed? (pg.23)

εὐθὺς “Immediately!” vs.6 – up till now it referenced something Jesus did or effected, but now how does Mark use this word?

Vs11 How does the confession of the demons differ from yours? (pg.24)

Vs14-19 What is surprising about the men Jesus called? (pg.24-25)
How about our call?

Opposed by family and foe

3:20-35

vs21 Why do you think Jesus' family members would take him to task?

vs23-27 How does Jesus disarm the argument of the Pharisees?

Vs28-30 What warning does Jesus give and why?

Vs34-35

Was Jesus rejecting his own flesh and blood or trying to make a point? If the later, what was the point?

(Galatians 3:26-28; Third Article of the Creed "holy Christian church, the communion of saints")

What is this "will of God" Jesus references? Because if it's contingent on the way we keep the 10 Commandments, none of us would be considered his "mother and brothers and sisters". (John 3:16; 6:40)