



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022



Take your Pulse

Who would you like to invite to dinner?

Who is missing at your table?

Today's Reading

Mark Chapter 2

In chapter 2, Jesus is still all about the work of healing, teaching and calling disciples. However, his actions are starting to push the buttons of the powers that be. How dare Jesus forgive sins! Only God can do that. Look who he is having dinner with! Why is he eating with tax collectors and sinners? Well, would you look at that, plucking grain. Why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?

The tension Jesus has with religious leaders and people in authority will be a common theme throughout this gospel. Perhaps it will make us pause and ask ourselves today whose side are we on, the way of the world or the way of the Gospel.



Start the Thinking

Are physical healing and forgiveness of sins connected? If so, in what ways?



Conversing with God

Dear Jesus,

You welcome all to your table and include those that most of the world has turned their backs on. Give us the courage to follow your radical hospitality even when it is uncomfortable. Amen



Be blessed

May the God of surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary.

May the God of love be seen in all we do and say.

May the God of life who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen