

## LESSON 4 MARK

### MAIN PASSAGE

#### Mark 2:1-3:6

##### Jesus Heals a Paralytic

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##### Jesus Calls Levi

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said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

15 And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 And the scribes of[a] the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat[b] with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

##### A Question About Fasting

18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins." [c]

##### Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are

they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”  
 25 And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of [d] Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?” 27 And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

#### A Man with a Withered Hand

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#### Mark 2:1-12

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#### Daniel 7:13-14

##### The Son of Man Is Given Dominion

13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

### DAY 3

#### Mark 2:13-17

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### DAY 4

#### Mark 2:18-22

##### A Question About Fasting

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Read full chapter

Footnotes

Mark 2:22 Some manuscripts omit But new wine is for fresh wineskins

Isaiah 54:5-8

English Standard Version

5 For your Maker is your husband,  
 the Lord of hosts is his name;  
 and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
 the God of the whole earth he is called.

6 For the Lord has called you  
 like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,  
 like a wife of youth when she is cast off,  
 says your God.

7 For a brief moment I deserted you,  
 but with great compassion I will gather you.

8 In overflowing anger for a moment  
 I hid my face from you,  
 but with everlasting love I will have compassion  
 on you,"  
 says the Lord, your Redeemer.

#### Hosea 2:18-20

18 And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish<sup>[a]</sup> the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. 19 And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. 20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

#### Ephesians 5:25-32

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that

he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.[a] 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

## DAY 5

### **Mark 2:23-28**

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### **1 Samuel 21:1-6**

David and the Holy Bread

21 [a] Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, “Why are you alone, and no one with you?” 2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, “The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, ‘Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.’ I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. 3 Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.” 4 And the priest answered David, “I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women.” 5 And David answered the priest, “Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?” 6 So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

### **Hosea 6:6**

6 For I desire steadfast love[a] and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

### **Isaiah 58:1-8**

True and False Fasting

58 “Cry aloud; do not hold back;  
lift up your voice like a trumpet;  
declare to my people their transgression,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that did righteousness

and did not forsake the judgment of their God;  
 they ask of me righteous judgments;  
 they delight to draw near to God.

3 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take  
 no knowledge of it?'

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own  
 pleasure,[a]

and oppress all your workers.

4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
 and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose,

a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,

and a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 "Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed[b] go free,

and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

### **Psalm 51:17**

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not  
 despise.

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