

Scandalous Grace

Mark 2:1 – 3:35

January 27

I. A Look Back

A. Healings

1. The first chapter ends with the healing of a _____
2. Strict _____ to not tell anyone
3. But that had _____ for Jesus – Vs. 45
4. In chapter two, Jesus comes back to Capernaum after some number of days in the “_____ places”

II. Faith Full Friends – Mark 2:1-12

A. The House

1. Made of _____ basalt
2. Roofs made of _____ cross beams
 - a. Overlaid with a _____ of reeds, branches, and dried mud
 - b. There were _____ up to the roof from the outside
3. The house was packed with _____
 - a. Crowds play a generally _____ role in Mark

B. The Friends

1. Weren't deterred by the _____
2. The lengths they were willing to go through for their friend is a _____ of their faith
 - a. They act – which is the _____ of faith
3. Oddly, we aren't told what the _____ thought
 - a. But apparently he didn't _____

C. The Healing

1. Your _____ are forgiven
 - a. At that point the man was healed, but he apparently didn't make any _____ to get up
2. The scene shifts to the _____ of the scribes
 - a. “Who but _____ can forgive sins?”

D. Power and Authority

1. Jesus asserts his _____ by telling the man to get up and walk
2. And thereby, Jesus asserts his _____ to forgive sins
3. To presume to forgive sins would have been an “_____ affront to the majesty of God”
 - a. It would have been _____, unless...
 - b. The person presuming to forgive sins *is* God _____
4. God is also the only one who _____ men's hearts

5. Fulfilling scripture – Deut. 18:21-22

E. Sins and Illness

1. The paralysis was somehow connected to his _____
 - a. We don't know exactly _____
 - b. But Jesus says, "Your _____ are forgiven"
 - c. So he is not saying that his paralysis is the _____ of sin in the world

F. The Son of Man

1. Jesus' primary term for _____
2. Did not carry the political and religious _____ that other titles did
3. However, it is not without _____ significance
 - a. Daniel 7:13-14

III. The Calling of Levi: The Scandal of Grace – Vv. 13-17

A. Was Levi a Disciple?

1. May have been listed as _____
2. May not have been one of the _____
 - a. He was called _____ as Peter, James, and John were
 - b. The call to follow is not _____ to the twelve
 - c. Any who are _____ to follow Jesus may do so

B. The Call to Follow

1. Following is an act that involves _____ and _____

C. The Scene at Levi's House

1. Jesus _____ with "a ragtag assemblage of social pariahs"
2. He was not _____ with them, however
 - a. He was _____ them to himself

D. I Am Levi

1. Jesus did not ask these people to _____ up their acts before dining with them
 - a. Sharing a meal was a very _____ act in ancient Jewish culture
2. Jesus came to call _____
 - a. That's _____!
 - b. And he calls us _____ as we are

IV. The Question of Fasting – Vv. 18-22

A. A Wedding Feast

1. Jesus _____ his coming to a wedding feast

B. Two Analogies

1. Patching _____
 - a. If you put an unshrunk patch on clothing, it will _____ and tear away when you wash it
2. _____ and wineskins
 - a. If you put new wine into old wineskins, as the fermenting wine expands, it will _____ the old wineskin
3. The point: Jesus is bringing something _____ that isn't compatible with the _____
 - a. He is inaugurating _____ Kingdom
 - b. The old system, the old way of doing things must _____ to the new
4. Hidden _____
 - a. In the O.T., _____ was the husband and the Jews were his unfaithful bride
 - b. Jesus as the bridegroom is another hint at Jesus' _____ as God incarnate

V. Sabbath Controversies – Mark 2:23 – 3:6

A. Picking Grain – Vv. 23-28

1. Evolution of Sabbath _____
 - a. Very _____ regulations in the O.T.
 - b. Over time, the law grew in Jewish legal briefs to be _____ specific
2. To pick grain was _____ on the Sabbath
3. Jesus gives a two-part response
 - a. He has the _____ to pick grain
 - b. The _____ was made for man not vice versa
4. Jesus is _____ of the Sabbath
 - a. Again, Jesus is establishing his _____ and presuming for himself what only _____ can presume

B. Healing on the Sabbath – 3:1-6

1. Jesus _____ on the Sabbath
 - a. Something the religious leaders see as a _____
2. Why is Jesus _____?
 - a. What is the _____ answer to his question?
 - b. But they remain _____
 - c. They are so bent on _____ Jesus
3. Irony
 - a. The leaders _____ Jesus death on the Sabbath

- b. So it's o.k. to plan a _____ on the Sabbath...but it's not o.k. to _____ someone

VI. Summary of Jesus' Ministry – Vv. 7-12

A. Tour of Galilee

- 1. People coming from everywhere now
 - a. Even from _____ Jewish areas
- 2. Jesus healed people and cast out _____

VII. Creating of the Twelve – Vv. 13-19

A. On the Mountain

- 1. A place of special _____

B. Creating Twelve

- 1. "Appointed" (*poieo*) more accurately means " _____ "
 - a. Creating is, again, something only _____ can do
 - b. Jesus did not _____ from an existing group
 - c. He brought into _____ these disciples
- 2. Significance of _____
 - a. Recalls the twelve _____ of Israel
 - b. Jesus is creating a _____ Israel

C. Their Mission

- 1. To be " _____ " Jesus
 - a. They will become _____ of his ministry
 - b. There is a _____, however, between hanging around Jesus and being **with** him.
 - c. Being with Jesus means _____ where he leads in _____ to him and others
- 2. To be _____
 - a. To do the _____ to which they were called
 - i. _____ and drive out _____
- 3. We are called to nothing _____
 - a. To be _____ Jesus
 - b. To _____ Jesus and make him _____
 - c. And to _____ to others in his Name

VIII. The Reaction of Jesus' Family and the Pharisees – Vv. 20-35

A. Mark's Sandwich Technique

- 1. Story of the reaction of Jesus' _____
- 2. Interrupted by story of the reaction of the _____

B. Jesus' Family – Vv. 20-21

- 1. They wanted to forcibly _____ him
 - a. To _____ him
- 2. Perhaps to _____ him

- a. Perhaps out of _____
- C. The Pharisees – Vv. 22-30
 - 1. They _____ Jesus can cast out demons
 - a. But they claim he is doing so by the _____ of Satan
 - 2. Jesus' response
 - a. Shows the _____ of their statement
 - b. Further, Satan is not really known for doing acts of _____
 - 3. The strong man allegory
 - a. The "strong man" is _____
 - b. The "stronger one" is _____
 - c. Jesus has come to _____ up Satan and _____ those he has plundered
 - 4. Allusion to Isaiah 49:24-25
 - a. His listeners _____ this
 - 5. _____ against the Holy Spirit
 - a. Persistent, willful _____ against God and his Son
 - b. The person has cut himself off from his only _____ of forgiveness

D. Back to Jesus' Family – Vv. 31-35

- 1. Jesus _____ family
 - a. Biological family is not _____
 - b. But Jesus is announcing a new, eternal _____
 - c. God is our _____
 - d. This is of tremendous comfort to those who have been _____ by their earthly families

IX. APPLICATION: Loving as Jesus Loved

A. Jesus Came to Call Sinners

- 1. That's _____ of us!
 - a. Apart from Jesus we are without _____
- 2. The problem comes when we begin to _____ we're all fixed
 - a. And we begin to look _____ on others
- 3. Jesus _____ those in need of God's love
 - a. _____ are to embrace them, too