

## Real Refreshment Podcast: Mark Study

### Mark 2:23-3:34: Opposition of the Servant Continues

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

Passage breakdown:

#### Mark 2:23-27

On which day of the week do we find the disciples and Jesus in this passage?

Where are they?

What are the disciples doing?

Who is watching?

What is their contention?

To which Old Testament character does Jesus refer?

What declaration does Jesus make in verse 27?

For further study see Leviticus 24:5-9 and I Samuel 21:1-6.

#### Mark 3:1-12 (same story also told in Luke 6:6-11)

Where does Jesus enter?

Which day of the week is it?

Who was present? (see Luke's account)

Who was watching Jesus? (see Luke's account)

What were they wondering He might do?

Review: What Jesus did on a similar occasion in Mark 1:21-28?

Who did Jesus call forward?

What was the man's handicap?

How did this man probably about his handicap?

What did Jesus ask them?

How did they answer Jesus?

What was Jesus' response to them?

How does the passage characterize their hearts?

What did Jesus instruct the man to do?

How did the man respond?

What was the result?

How did "they" respond?

Mark 3:13-34

Leaving the synagogue, where did Jesus go?

Who did He call to Himself?

What did He do?

What were they to do? (3 things)

List their names:

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-
- 5-
- 6-
- 7-
- 8-
- 9-
- 10-
- 11-
- 12-

Note those who were brothers and any other special information given.

Where did Jesus go next?

Who gathered?

How overwhelming was the situation?

Who came to get Him away from the crowd?

Why did they come?

Consider what Jesus was saying and doing. How might His words and actions have been wrongly interpreted?

Who came from Jerusalem?

What accusation did they make against Jesus?

How did Jesus respond?

What sins are forgiven?

What blasphemy isn't forgiven?

Again, who stands outside where Jesus is and sends word to Him?

How did Jesus respond?

Who does Jesus declare to be His family?

Here is the "immediately" verse in this week's passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

Mark 3:6

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

Where are you on the Lord's Day?

How do you respond to His teaching?

What shame do you try to hide that only He can heal?

How do you respond when Jesus heals others?

(As I refer to Jesus' ability to "heal" I do not necessarily mean physical healing. Certainly He can and does do that, but I'm speaking more broadly. I mean those areas of our woundings, our hurts, our brokenness, those areas of our lives which have left us with some doubt, shame and guilt.)

What are you watching Jesus for in your life? What tests are you putting Him to?

How did the unnamed man with the withered hand participate in his own healing?

Jesus's invitation to "Come" is for you too. All of us have withered hands, places of embarrassment, places that have left us shattered, rendering us paralyzed, useless. What are you willing to do? Will you come when He summons? Will you stretch out your withered hand?