

Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Studies in the Gospel of Mark

New Wine in New Wineskins

Lesson 3

Mark 2:13-3:12

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

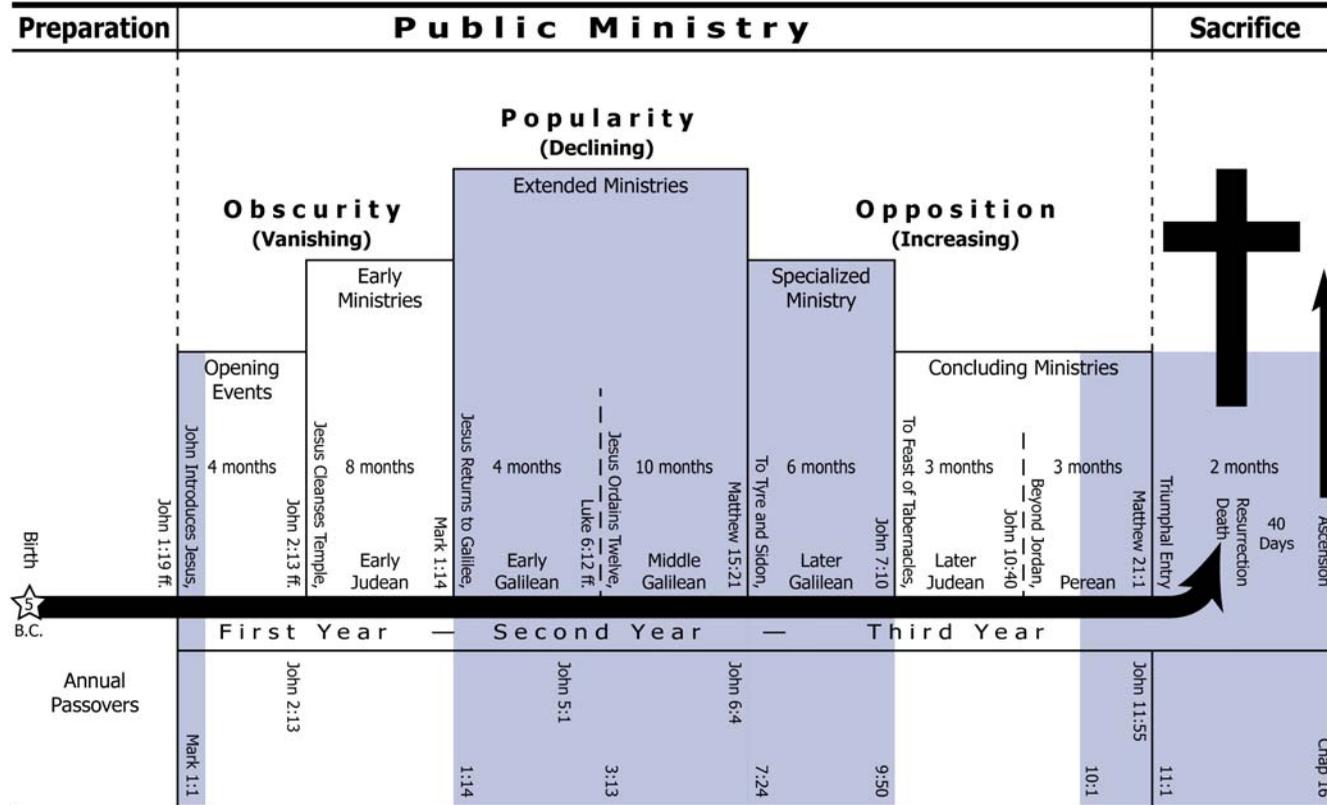
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Theme and Outline

- ▶ The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (1:1)
- ▶ The plan of salvation introduced in the O.T. (Genesis 3:15)
 - The seed of the woman to crush the head of the serpent and have His heel bruised
 - All of creation will be rescued – earth, animals, mankind
 - A blessing, a great nation, a blessing for all nations, a Son of Abraham and Sarah
 - A holy nation and a nation of priests
 - A monarchy ruled by a Son of David
 - A regenerated people with the Word of God and the Spirit of God within
- ▶ The present reality (in Mark's day)
 - A failed nation looking for a King to restore it and rule the world
 - Not looking for the Suffering Servant
- ▶ Mark's plan
 - Part 1 (1:1-8:30) – Jesus is the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God
 - “You are the Christ” (8:29)
 - Part 2 (8:31-16:8 [9-20]) – Jesus is the Suffering Servant (the Savior)
 - “Truly this man was the Son of God” (15:39)

The Life of Christ

Showing coverage by Mark (shaded)



The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

- ▶ The Old Testament foundation (Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3)
- ▶ Jesus baptized; Spirit descends upon Him; God is “well pleased”
- ▶ The temptation by Satan in the wilderness
- ▶ His public ministry begins – preaching the Gospel of God (1:14-15)
- ▶ Calling followers
- ▶ Destroying Satan’s power
- ▶ Combating the curse on mankind - fever, leprosy, paralysis
- ▶ Forgiving sins
- ▶ New teaching with authority – the Gospel in a new age
- ▶ Confronting the Old Order – the Law of Moses

New Wine in New Wineskins (2:13-3:12)

- ▶ The call of Matthew (2:13-17)
- ▶ The end of fasting (2:18-20)
- ▶ Two parables (2:21-22)
- ▶ The Lord of the Sabbath (2:23-28)
- ▶ Doing good or evil on the Sabbath (3:1-6)
- ▶ The ministry continues (3:7-12)

The Call of Matthew (2:13-17)

- ▶ The popular teacher (2:13)
- ▶ The call of Levi (Matthew) (2:14)
 - Tax collector on the International Coastal Highway
 - Rich and typically corrupt
 - An impossible response (see Mark 10:17-27)
- ▶ The controversy at the dinner party (2:15-17)
 - Pharisees: Messiah will come to honor those who obey the Law
 - Jesus: Messiah came to save sinners who have no claim to mercy
- ▶ The spiritual state of both is the same – blind and dead
- ▶ The difference is perceived need: praise v. grace
- ▶ The blinding power of false teaching about God

The End of Fasting (2:18-20)

- ▶ Fasting is not found in the Law of Moses
- ▶ Fasting in the Old Testament expressed sorrow and humility
- ▶ Jesus taught that fasting and celebration are not compatible
- ▶ When Jesus ascended, the disciples did not start fasting
- ▶ The mark of a believer is the presence of Christ with joy

Two Parables (2:21-22)

- ▶ The summary statement of the lesson on fasting
- ▶ The two cloths and the two wineskins – new and old
- ▶ There is now no place for the old with the new
- ▶ A new administration suitable to the summing up of all things in Christ (Eph 1:20)

The Lord of the Sabbath (2:23-28)

- ▶ Pharisees had 39 forbidden acts related to reaping on the Sabbath
- ▶ The disciples' action was approved in Deuteronomy 23:25
- ▶ The issue: God's Law v. the Pharisees' Law
- ▶ Jesus challenged them with an Old Testament illustration
- ▶ David ate bread which was "not lawful" for him to eat
- ▶ Jesus made 2 applications:
 - The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath
 - The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath
- ▶ The Sabbath celebrated the work of God, not man

Doing Good or Evil on the Sabbath (3:1-6)

- ▶ A man with a withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath
- ▶ Question: Is it lawful to do good or harm on the Sabbath?
- ▶ A man in need of help – Pharisees seeking to injure Jesus
- ▶ The anger of Jesus – grief at their hard hearts
- ▶ Jesus healed the man
- ▶ The Pharisees sought to destroy Jesus
- ▶ “Immediately” plotted to destroy Him
 - *euthys* – translated as straight or immediately
 - *eutheos, parachrema* – translated immediately
 - Mark only uses *euthys* – the “straight” way of the Lord (Acts 2:22-24)

The Ministry Continues (3:7-12)

- ▶ Dueling plans – Satan's and Christ's – submission to the Father
- ▶ Preaching with authority and power – the key to saving and living faith
- ▶ Demons silenced and cast out – blocking the assault on the truth
- ▶ Equipping the disciples for future ministry – living the life of Christ