

## **MARK Series #3: The Opposed King**

### **Mark 2:13-3:35**

#### **Intro**

Last week looked at the Powerful King and saw the attraction and power of Jesus. He was NOT just a man.

Today will see the growing opposition to Jesus and the different reasons people do. Oppose b/c don't understand the KOG.

#### ***[Read the Text Here]***

#### **I. The Opposition of the Self-Righteous (13-17)**

Jesus calls Levi (tax collector of fishermen?) To recline=special guests there. MANY tax collectors and sinners (invited by Levi!) Celebration! Scribes there to see Jesus with those of ill-repute, not following the law! Pharisee from a word that meant "separatist." Jesus came NOT to call those who are "righteous" = right with relationship with God.

Some today who think Jesus would have spent all time in church with church people--dead wrong! Jesus came for ALL people. Opened the scope of his ministry = WIDE NET! Caution: Jesus never lost his holiness!

*Some expect others to try and live perfect lives!*

#### **II. The Opposition of the Religious Legalists (18-36)**

John's fasting was ascetic (pious denial) for repentance. Were preparing for Jesus. At this time was an empty habit for Pharisees...was weekly ritualistic. The disciples were now with the bridegroom (Wedding picture in Judaism meant the "Age of Salvation." -- Hos. 2:19-20) NEW relationship now established by God through Jesus! He was doing a NEW and different thing. Wineskins of old leather would

expand and crack with new wine.

Jesus came to free from legalistic, empty religion!

Two examples:

1. (23-28) Plucking grain on Sabbath=work=sin. (Duet. 23:25 says COULD eat). Jesus refers to David eating bread in Temple (huh?) Point is that Jesus says Sabbath is to HELP, not HURT people!
2. (3:1-6) Jesus heals on Sabbath=sin b/c NOT life and death. Jesus makes a spectacle. Man's hand is restored! Rare word almost always related to Jesus' purpose for the future. Point is that Jesus says Sabbath is to HEAL, not HURT people!

#### **III. The Clueless Insiders (13-20; 31-35)**

Jesus calls men to be with him (disciples). Spend time with him, know him, understand his mission, send them out (apostles) to preach and cast out demons. Goes home and his family wants to "seize him." They go out to get him (31) and Jesus says spiritual family is related in a way greater than blood!

Some Insiders (family, church members, etc. WON'T get it! [why Jesus came and why we join Him] Earthly relationships are temporary!

#### **IV. The Proudful Rejectors (22-30)**

Scribes CAME from Jerusalem to check out the situation! Said Jesus was possessed by "Baal-Zebel" (Lord of the Heavenly Dwelling) = prince of demons! Completely rejected that Jesus was Messiah King, here to redeem creation. Rather, said he was the problem creator.

**A --** Only unforgiveable sin? Rejecting who Jesus IS (savior, redeemer) = PRIDE and willful decision to NOT believe in Christ!

**Concl.**

Opposition to Jesus takes many forms. Do YOU fall into any of these? You will encounter others who will. YOU WILL face opposition if you align yourself with Jesus!

Today, a thread was the food issue! We had a great time last night. Sunday feast today! Today is SBC prayer and fasting=good thing. I want us to be a people who discipline ourselves for holiness, but also who taste the richness of a gospel community centered on Jesus, NOT legalism.

**NEXT Week -- The Hidden King**