The Gospel of Mark-Christ the Servant - Lesson 5 -

IVIdIK 2:1-20	Tour Personal Notes:
1."And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that	
he was in the house.	
2.And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no	
room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the	
word unto them.	
3. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of	
four.	
4. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the	
roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein	
the sick of the palsy lay.	
5. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be	
forgiven thee. 6 But there were costain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts.	
6.But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,	
7. Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? 8. And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within	
themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?	
9. Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to	
say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?	
10.But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,	
(he saith to the sick of the palsy,)	
11.I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.	
12. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all;	
insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on	
this fashion.	
13. And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto	
him, and he taught them.	
14. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of	
custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.	
15. And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and	
sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.	
16.And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and	
sinners?	
17.When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of	
the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to	
repentance.	
18.And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and	
say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disci-	
ples fast not?	
19.And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the	
bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they	
cannot fast.	
20.But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.	
21.No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece	
that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.	
22. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst	
the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine	
must be put into new bottles.	
23. And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day;	
and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.	
24.And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that	
which is not lawful?	
25. And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need,	
and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?	
26. How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and	
did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?	
27.And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the	

28. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath."

Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

- **2:2** Although human beings in their natural state of heart are opposed to the gospel, they are yet drawn to hear it. Though they abhor it, often they cannot help listening to it.
- **2:4** Where there is a will, there is a way; and when there is no way, a resolute will can make one. Better to come to Jesus through the ceiling than not to come at all. Better to be let down to Jesus by a rope than not to be in his presence.
- 2:5 We do not read that they had said anything; and, therefore, they had not *expressed* their faith; yet this bold and adventurous action in breaking up the roof and letting all the dust fall about the Savior's head, not fearing that they would provoke him but trusting in his gentleness and patience, showed their confidence that they had only to get the man where Jesus could see him and good would come of it. Jesus blessed this man because of the faith of the four who carried him and, possibly, because of his own faith. "thy sins be forgiven thee." This was laying the axe to the root because sin is at the bottom of sorrow; and where sin is pardoned, even the effects of sin will be removed.
- **2:14** Here is a change in the method of Jesus displaying his power. To the paralytic he said, "Arise, and take up they bed, and go thy way in to thine house." But to the man engaged in a calling that degraded him, Jesus said, "Follow me. And he arose and followed him."
- **2:24** According to some rabbis, someone could pick an ear of wheat on the Sabbath, but if he rubbed it between his hands, they said that was a kind of labor that must not be performed on the Sabbath. These disciples were, therefore, according to them, chargeable with sin because they had plucked ears of grain and had performed the operation of threshing them on the Sabbath. And we have some of that sort of folk living now who take the smallest matter, which is altogether insignificant, and in which there is neither good nor harm, and magnify it and distort it--and then make a person a grave offender all for next to nothing.