

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
A New Lord – Mark 2-3

1. What did Jesus come to do?

Read Mark 2:1-17.

2. What reason does Jesus give for this miracle?

3. In his reason, what new ideas is Jesus presenting to the people? (there's at least three!)

4. Why did the people Glorify God? (v12)

5. What do we learn about the scribe based on his question? (v16)

6. Why is Jesus suddenly happy to describe himself as a physician (v17) after trying to avoid the tag of healer throughout chapter 1? What's clever thing he's doing? Do you think we could take any lessons from him in that regard? (sorry for the convoluted question!)

Read Mark 2:18-3:6.

7. Why does Jesus have no respect for the Old Testament? (trick question...) What is it Jesus has no respect for? What are we to learn from this?

8. What is it about this episode that leads to the Pharisees for the first time wanting to destroy Jesus?

Read Mark 3:7-35.

9. Who do the unclean Spirits say Jesus is? (v11) How does Jesus describe himself? (2:10, 3:28) What's the difference?

10. What are we meant to get from the Markan Sandwich in 3:20-35?
(Markan Sandwich: When Mark makes a Sandwich out of two stories, in this case, v20-21 Jesus Family, v22-30 Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, v31-35 Jesus Family)
How does one story help us understand the other?

11. Is Jesus trying to downplay the importance of family here?

12. Who do you best identify with in these chapters? You can chose a few...