



MARK 2

BIBLE STUDY

1. Why were so many people crowding in and around the house where Jesus was staying? 2.1-2
2. What was the mindset of the men who dug a hole in the roof to get their friend in front of Jesus? 2.3-4
3. Having the roof open above Him was surprising, but what causes Jesus to proclaim forgiveness of sins? 2.5
4. The paralytic clearly needed a physical healing, so why did Jesus say, *"My child, your sins are forgiven."* 2.5
5. What is ironic about the Scribes statement, *"Only God can forgive sins!"*? 2.7
6. What is the expected answer to Jesus' question of which was easier, *forgiveness* or *healing*? 2.9
7. In Jesus' view, was forgiveness or healing more important? Why? 2.9
8. How does the paralyzed man's healing prove that Jesus has authority to forgive sins? 2.10-12
9. To whom does the crowd give credit for the healing? 2.12

10. What is significant about Jesus calling Levi? (*aka Matthew*) 2.13

11. What is it that Jesus asks Levi to do? 2.13

12. What is Levi leaving behind? Do you think leaving was an easy or hard decision for Levi to make? 2.14

13. What does Levi do that serves as an example for us? 2.15

14. Why would Mark interject, "*There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.*"? 2.15

15. Why did the Pharisees object to Jesus was having dinner with sinners and scum? 2.16

16. What does Jesus' response teach us about reaching out to people who live apart from God? 2.17

17. What does Jesus say about why He and His disciples are not fasting? 2.19-20

18. What is the meaning of new patches on old clothes, and pouring new wine into old wineskins? 2.21-22

19. The Pharisees accuse Jesus of harvesting on the Sabbath. How does Jesus respond?

20. How does Jesus retort in verses 27-28 reject the way in which the Pharisees handle the Law?