

Mark 2

Quiz Link

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The First Challenge: Forgiveness of Sins

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John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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John 2:24-25

But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

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Daniel 7:13

I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

Daniel 7:14

And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
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Question 1

Where does the title, “Son of Man”
come from?

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- A - John 1:14
- B - 2 Samuel 7:12
- C - Daniel 7:13
- D - Isaiah 9:6

The Second Challenge: Dining with Sinners

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them.

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¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

1 Timothy 2:3-4

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Question 2

In one sentence, describe something Levi teaches us about being a disciple?

The Third Challenge: Lack of Fasting

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

Leviticus 16:29

“And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you.

Leviticus 16:31

It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever.

Esther 4:16

“Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”

Judges 20:26

Then all the people of Israel, the whole army, went up and came to Bethel and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

Isaiah 58:3

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

Matthew 6:16

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the **bridegroom** is with them? As long as they have the **bridegroom** with them, they cannot fast.

²⁰ The days will come when the **bridegroom** is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

John 3:28-29

You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.

Ephesians 5:32

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.

²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

Galatians 2:20-21

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

The Fourth Challenge: Lord of the Sabbath

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

²⁴ And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

Exodus 20:11

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Deuteronomy 5:15

You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

24 Chapters of Sabbath Law (Talmud)

<https://www.sefaria.org/Shabbat>

“This fundamental mishna enumerates those who perform the primary categories of labor prohibited on Shabbat, which number forty-less-one. They are grouped in accordance with their function: One who sows, and one who plows, and one who reaps, and one who gathers sheaves into a pile, and one who threshes, **removing the kernel from the husk**, and one who winnows threshed grain in the wind, and one who selects the inedible waste from the edible, and one who grinds, and one who sifts the flour in a sieve, and one who kneads dough, and one who bakes.”

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²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him:

²⁶ how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?”

1 Samuel 21:6

So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

Hosea 6:6

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Matthew 12:7

And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

²⁷ And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

Homework - Essay!

Question 3

How do you include Sabbath rest in your life?