

Mark 2:1-28

A. Healing and Forgiveness (vv.1-9).

1. Architecture in First Century Capernaum: Basalt (extrusive volcanic rock).
2. Wood beams; thatch roof; mud roof; roll every fall before the heavy rains
3. Obstacles in the situation.

B. The Son of Man (vv.10-12).

1. Definition: Authority to forgive sins (2:10); He is the Lord of the Sabbath (2:28); He will be betrayed (14:21,41), suffer and die and be raised on the third day (8:31, 38; 9:9,12; 10:33). He comes not to be served but to give his life as a ransom for many (10:45). He will be seated at the right hand of power, return on the clouds and gather his elect (13:26-27; 14:62).
2. Jesus is the model for our ministry—He announces the forgiveness of sins and the chance for reconciliation with God.

C. The Call of Levi the Tax Collector and Dinner in His House (2:13-17).

1. Relevant Relationships. Repentance and Obedience.

D. The Question of Fasting (2:18-22).

1. Jesus has not come to patch up an old system that does not meet the revolutionary rule of God. He will transform the old.

E. Sabbath Controversy (2:23-28).

1. What is the Sabbath for? Is it designed for micromanaged religious rules or genuine Worship and Celebration?
2. **THE CHALLENGE:** Bringing it into context of today.