



# who is Jesus? MARK THE GOSPEL OF

## Discussion Questions Mark 2:23-3:35

1. Read Mark 2:23-3:6
2. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus?
3. The Pharisees thought that they could be righteous (blameless before God) by following the law. In order to follow the law, they added a bunch of other rules to interpret what each law meant. Jesus wasn't following their man-made rules. Do you ever act like the Pharisees and get upset when people don't act the way you expect them to?
4. What did Jesus mean when he said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." (2:27)?
5. Eugene Peterson describes keeping the Sabbath as setting aside a day for "praying and playing." Do you do that? Is it possible? How can you be more obedient to God in this area?
6. How does this command to rest point us to Jesus? (Look at Hebrews 4:11-16)
7. Read Mark 3:7-35
8. Do you remember what the three categories of people were?
9. What are the two activities that define a disciple of Jesus (3:14)?
10. How do you measure up to this standard?
11. In the context of Mark 3, what is the "unforgivable sin"? What is it that makes you an enemy of Jesus?
12. The way that Jesus responds to His family in 3:33-35 shows us how He feels about those who claim to be associated with Him but aren't really willing to follow Him. What is that response?
13. Which of the category do you think you fit into?
14. Look at the list of the 12 apostles in 3:16-19. How does knowing about the lives of these men encourage you and/or challenge you?