

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK
Mark 2: 1-28
“RAISING THE ROOF WITH JESUS”

Jesus never had trouble attracting a crowd. Most of them came because of what they knew He could do. Some came to praise Him for His works, and others came to persecute Him for the same works.

Christ is looking for the kind of disciples who go out of their way to bring people to Him. If you are going to live and love like Jesus, shouldn't you sacrifice to bring hurting people to the Lord?

- I. RAISE THE ROOF TO LEARN ABOUT FORGIVENESS (Mark 2: 1-12)**
 - a. Someone you know needs your help to meet the Lord Jesus (v.3-4)
 - b. Physical and spiritual health are often related (v. 5-7)
 - i. *3 John 1:2-4 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. [3] For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. [4] I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*
 - c. Forgiveness is our greatest need. Christ can supply the greater and the lesser
 - i. Isaiah 45: 7; Micah 6:13-14; Micah 7:18-19

- II. RAISE THE ROOF TO LEARN ABOUT FRIENDSHIP (Mark 2: 13-17)**
 - a. We must spend time with lost souls to do friendship evangelism
 - b. If we deny our illness, Christ will deny our healing (v.17)

- III. RAISE THE ROOF TO LEARN ABOUT FASTING (Mark 2: 18-22)**
 - a. Celebrate your relationship with Jesus, and fast to spend time with Him.
 - b. The Lord did not come to patch up your old nature. He wants to pour Himself into a “new container” (V. 21-22)

- IV. RAISE THE ROOF TO LEARN ABOUT FEASTING (Mark 2: 23-28)**
 - a. God's restrictions were meant to be a blessing, not a burden
 - b. Our rest is in a Person, not a specific day of the week (v. 27-28)

GROWING DISCIPLES DON'T LET OBSTACLES KEEP THEM FROM JESUS!

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