

Series: JESUS IS THE SUBJECT

Title: Fulfillment

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Read Mark chapter 2.

1. What stood out to you this week in reading through Mark or from hearing Bob's message this weekend?
2. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15. How do you think most people react when someone on the street corner yells, "Repent"? How is that similar or different from what Jesus is saying here?
3. What hints do we have that Simon Peter wrote this gospel through Mark? How does knowing who wrote the gospel help us understand it better? How would Simon Peter's way of seeing Jesus, impact the people who read this gospel?
4. What was going on in the paralytic's mind, the religious leaders and in Jesus' mind when he offered the paralytic forgiveness?
5. In all these stories including the one on fasting, what is Jesus revealing about himself?
6. Fourteen times in Mark Jesus calls himself the Son of Man. Why do you think he prefers that title to all the others including like master, rabbi, teacher, Lord, Son of God, the Holy One of God? What impact would that have on Romans readers and on the Jewish ones? See Daniel 7:13-14.
7. Think of the three kinds of people or groups in these stories: The paralytic, the partiers and the performers. What lies hold them back from God and real life? How does Jesus see each group, and reach out to each one?
8. How do we keep from seeing Jesus as a divine vending machine and keep Jesus as the subject of our lives?
9. Only for the brave...If you had to pick at least one, which one do you identify with the most. Tell the group why. What new thinking, what good news do you think Jesus might be inviting you to do?