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The Gospel of Mark: The Life, Service and Sacrifice of Christ
Jesus Faces Conflict From The Scribes And Pharisees:
Jesus Questioned About Eating With Sinners: Mark 2:13-17
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Introduction To The Gospel of Mark:

Mark is the shortest of all the Gospels, containing 16 chapters. It is believed to have been written somewhere between A.D. 55-59, during the early part of the Emperor Nero's reign (A.D. 54-68). Around 92 percent of material contained in Mark is also in Matthew and about 48 percent is included in Luke. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark does not record any resurrection appearances of Jesus. Mark presents Christ as the Messiah, because He is the Son of God, and presents His death as the suffering Son of Man as God's plan of salvation for the world. Mark's Gospel shows how Jesus cared for His disciples and taught them how to care and minister to others, leading them to faith in Christ. The major source of the material in this Gospel was obtained from the preaching and instruction of the Apostle Peter. Mark also had contact with Barnabas and the Apostle Paul (Acts 13:5, 12; 15:39.) Many scholars believe that Mark was the first Gospel written and that Matthew and Luke used it as a source document for their writing.

Printed Text: Mark 2:13-17

Background Text: Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32

Devotional Reading: Luke 19:1-10; Acts 11:1-18

Jesus Calls Levi:

Mark 2:13, 14

Jesus Dines With Sinners:

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Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why were tax collectors despised?
2. What does sharing a meal with someone indicate?
3. Who are the sick and the well that Jesus refers to?
4. Should disciples of Christ engage in activities, such as eating, with those who are not believers?

Next Week - Lesson 7 – Jesus Questioned About Fasting – Mark 2:18-22