



Jesus Ignores Religion

Mark 1:1, 14-15; 22-45; 2:2-14

The Big Idea: The story of Jesus as told by Peter.

The Bottom Line: Jesus was uncomfortably comfortable with unrepentant sinners, and Jesus is **able** and **willing** to forgive and heal all who come to Him.

Review:

Today, we're in Part 2 of a story that should've died in Nero's Rome, but it didn't. It's...

The Story of Jesus of Nazareth

As told by...

Simon Peter

Dictated, Recorded, and Edited by...

John Mark

For more than 30 years, Peter told his story. He's now in his fifties living in Nero's Rome. Mark records it as Peter shares it one more time—not for the people in the room—for the generations that would follow. It comes to us as...

The Gospel of Mark

Mark 1:1: “The **beginning** of the **gospel** [good news] about **Jesus** Christ the **Son** of God.”

Mark 1:14–15: “**Jesus** went into Galilee, proclaiming the **good news** of God. The **time** has come! The **KINGDOM OF GOD** is **near**. **REPENT** and **BELIEVE** the **good news!**”

Introduction:

There are three things I want you to focus your attention on during this message. We'll review them several times.

1. Jesus **ignored** certain religious protocol.
2. Jesus claimed to have the authority to **forgive** sin.
3. Jesus was uncomfortably **comfortable** with **unrepentant** sinners.

Tension:

Jesus removed these three obstacles to God. The church reintroduced them, and if that happened to you, I'm very sorry about that. If that represents your experience, I pray today's message clears away those obstacles in your life.

Truth:

Read Mark 1:39-45.

Jesus was not put off by the man's request. Instead, He was filled with compassion, and He was able and willing to ignore all purity laws, touch the man, and heal him.

Read Mark 2:2-12.

Do you ever wonder if God is able and willing to forgive and heal you?

Is peace with God *really* possible? Peter says, "Yes!"

Mark 1:15, "The **time** has come! The KINGDOM OF GOD has come **near**.
REPENT and BELIEVE the **good news!**"

Read Mark 1:14-15.

The **kingdom of God** is **near**. **Everybody** was invited to **participate** in it.

Conclusion:

Mark 1:15: "The **time** has come! The KINGDOM OF GOD is **near**."

This new way would continue to collide with Peter's way, and Peter's fear, and Peter's insecurity, and even Peter's prejudice.

It collides with my fear, my insecurities, and my prejudice most of the time, and I know better. Peter, Andrew, James, and John had a decision to make.

Do we walk away...? Do we save our reputations...?

Application:

Or do we...

