

# The Gospel According to Mark

## *Follow the Leader*

### *“The Kingdom of God is a PARTY”*

**INTRO:** *Jesus called Levi to be a disciple. Levi immediately threw a party to introduce his friends (and fellow social outcasts) to Jesus. His excitement is an example for Believers today.*

**I. Salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s \_\_\_\_\_, the reception of which compels \_\_\_\_\_ it with others (2:13-15).** *Levi (a.k.a. Matthew) shared his joy of salvation with others. Do we share his enthusiasm?*

**II. Religious \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ is offended by \_\_\_\_\_ (2:16-18).** *The Scribes and Pharisees were self-righteous religionists who viewed themselves as deserving of heaven based upon their good deeds.*

**III. Don’t be intimidated by challenges from the Religious \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_; the Kingdom of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ (2:19-22).** *In Jesus’ response, we discover two exhortations to deal with challenges from the religious self-righteous.*

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ (2:19-20).**  
*Now that Jesus has come, the “old” has passed away. There is no turning back to religious ways that “work” for salvation.*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ (2:21-22).**  
*This compromise combines belief systems. Christianity is not a belief system that we add to anything else.*