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GOOD NEWS!

Last week

A counter cultural movement

Mark 1:1-2

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

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Where this
week could
you be
more life-
giving?

How did it
go?

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Mark 2:3-4

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Mark 2:5

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man,
'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

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Mark 2:9-11

Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up, take your mat and walk”? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he said to the man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.

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Religious people

1. are in conflict with Jesus

Mark 2:16

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2. think it's about what they do

Mark 2:14

As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

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3. are anxious

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4. Become judgemental & critical

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5. have little room for grace

Mark 2:18

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, 'How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?'

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5. have little room for grace

Mark 2:24

The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?’

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6. lose perspective

Mark 3:1-2

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.

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7. become extreme

Mark 3:6

Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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8. Forget they need a Saviour

Mark 2:17

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

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9. need a totally new paradigm

Mark 2:21-22

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.'

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