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Sept. 8 – The gospel of Jesus is about God establishing his kingdom on earth.

Sept. 15 – Jesus is the divine Son of God on earth living out the mission of Israel.

Sept. 22 – Jesus calls people to follow him and get more people to follow him.

Sept. 29 – The kingdom of God is invading a world under Satanic rule.

TODAY – Jesus faces opposition from the religious leaders.

In Jesus' Day People Thought Pharisees were...

- Zealous for true worship of God
- Completely Committed to their Faith
- Defenders of the Faith
- Defenders of the Torah (Law)
- Walking the talk
- Masters of Spiritual Disciplines
- Spiritually Respected Thought Leaders

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ACCIDENTAL
PHARISEES

AVOIDING PRIDE,
EXCLUSIVITY,
AND THE
OTHER DANGERS
OF OVERZEALOUS
FAITH

⁴⁵ Instead he {the healed leper} went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news {of his healing}. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. **Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.**

Mark 1:45

¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

Mark 2:1





² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, *"Son, your sins are forgiven."* ...

Mark 2:2-7

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? **He’s blaspheming!** Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Mark 2:2-7

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, *“Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”* So he said to the man, ¹¹ *“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ...*

Mark 2:8-12

¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Mark 2:8-12

¹⁰ “But ***I want you to know*** that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

Mark 2:10

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 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.

Mark 2:13-14

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many **tax collectors and sinners** were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the **sinners and tax collectors**, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with **tax collectors and sinners?**"

Mark 2:15-17

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, *"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners**."*

Mark 2:15-17

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, **many** tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, **for there were many who followed him.**

Mark 2:15

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?"

Mark 2:18

¹⁹ Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast."

Mark 2:19-20

²¹ “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. ²² 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.”

Mark 2:21-22

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to **pick some heads of grain**. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

Mark 2:23-24

¹⁴ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.
On it you **shall not do any work,**

Deuteronomy 5:14

²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?

²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ **So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**"

Mark 2:25-28

¹ Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ² **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. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, *"Stand up in front of everyone."* ⁴ Then Jesus asked **them**, *"Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"* But **they** remained silent. ...

Mark 3:1-6

⁵ He looked around at **them** in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, *"Stretch out your hand."* He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the **Pharisees** went out and began to plot with the **Herodians** how they might kill Jesus.

Mark 3:1-6

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a **large crowd** from Galilee followed. ⁸ When they heard about all he was doing, **many people** came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon.

Mark 3:7-8

Religion can be damaging to our spiritual lives.

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- Care about their rules not people.
- **Have a "holier than thou" attitude.**