

A wooden boat with a snake and a bird. The boat is made of dark wood with a woven pattern. A snake is coiled on the left side, and a bird is perched on the right side. The text "the GOSPEL of MARK" is overlaid on the boat.

the GOSPEL
of MARK

Son of Man

- Compassion for:
 - Demonized, lepers, paralyzed...
 - Sinners – Forgiven??? Scribes...
- Responses – never seen this before
- What does Jesus do next? Vs.13

Chief tax collector?

- The most hated of people
 - Worked with ROMANS!
 - Stole from EVERYBODY...
- Outcasts, hated, lost, despised
 - Follow me!
 - Leave wealth, position, comfort??

The Jesus Call

- “his house” – Matthew/Levi
- Sinners! Tax collectors!
 - Reclining and dining...
 - Following Him
- Scribes, Pharisee's...
 - Wanted people to change first...

Religion fears:

- Association, contamination...
- Or is it temptation?
- Spend time “fine tuning” laws...
- Jesus? LIVE the LAW in mercy!
- Calling sinners...

John's disciples

- Still following John
 - Esthetic lifestyles, denial, loners...
 - We 'fast'; why don't you???
 - Man-ordained 'signs' for holiness
 - If you tell someone your holy...

Bridegroom!

- Jesus was looking at sinners...
- Wedding? Time of rejoicing...
- Days will come...
 - Not due to religion, but necessity!
 - God called fasts in our lives

2 more pictures...

- Old cloth vs new cloth
 - Jesus is not just a “fix” for the failures of moralistic Judaism – more ‘laws’
 - Not reformation but regeneration!!
 - A ‘worse tear’ – empower ritual!!!

Growing in grace...

- New Wine Skins

- No “stretch” to let the new wine age
- No ability to go beyond laws...
- ...to the intent of God's HEART!!!
- Judaism could not “stretch” this far