



January 7, 2024, Jesus Heals and Teaches

Mark 2:1-22

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Transforming God, in Christ Jesus you make all things new, turning the status quo on its head and calling us to push out of our comfort zones for the sake of others. Strengthen our faith through your holy word and meal that we might carry Jesus' message with us to the world. In his name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!".* Mark 2:12



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

The religious authorities and crowds of lay people are watching Jesus and questioning his every move—his every motive. But are they asking the right questions?



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is the last issue that shook things up for your community? Does your community value order highly? Do things like protests cause concern?
- Are you willing to push back when you think something is wrong? Why or why not? What helps you feel bolder?
- For the littles: When is it hardest to stay quiet? God always wants to hear you even if there are times we must listen.



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May you feel the guidance of Christ even in times of uncertainty. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Jesus wasn't afraid to speak up. Write a letter to advocate for those in need in your community. Send it to your representatives—and if you are feeling bold, the newspaper!



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 2:1-22	Jesus Forgives Sins
<b>Monday</b>	Mark 2:23-28	Grain on the Sabbath
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mark 3:1-6	A Sabbath Healing
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mark 3:7-12	More Public Healings
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark 3:13-20	Jesus Appoints the Twelve
<b>Friday</b>	Mark 3:21-27	Plundering the Strongman
<b>Saturday</b>	Mark 3:28-35	Mothers and Brothers
<b>Sunday</b>	Mark 4:1-9	The Parable of the Sower