



# mark: 5 controversies

## **2:1-12**

After the healing of the paralyzed man Jesus is confronted by the **scribes**. Topic: the forgiveness of sins.

## **2:13-17**

After sharing a meal with sinners Jesus is confronted by the **scribes of the Pharisees**. Topic: the acceptance of sinners.

## **2:18-22**

After Jesus' disciples are found to not be fasting, Jesus is comforted by **the Pharisees**. Topic: General religious practice. In this central controversy Jesus highlights the inability of old structures to deal with the new things that God is doing.

## **2:23-28**

After Jesus' disciples pluck grain on the sabbath Jesus is comforted by **the Pharisees**. Topic: sabbath law.

## **3:1-6**

After Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the sabbath, Jesus is confronted by the **Pharisees** and the **Herodians**. Topic: sabbath law.

## **THE 5**

### ***The pattern***

## **P2**

- 1) Jesus or the disciples do something.
- 2) A group of religious authorities objects.
- 3) Jesus rebuts the objection, often with a counter-question.
- 4) A teaching of Jesus that becomes the point of the story.

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