

## The Opposed King Mark 2:13-3:6

What examples of opposition have you experienced because you are a Christian?

### Read Mark 2:13-3:6

1. Look at each section in turn (verse 13-17; 18-22; 2:23-3:6) –  
i) What do people accuse Jesus of?

ii) What does each section teach us about Jesus?

2. Looking at verse 13-17, What do the actions of Jesus show us about God?

3. Why do the Pharisee's find this so disturbing?

4. Looking at verse 18-22, what do the images Jesus uses of the bridegroom, cloth and wineskin teach us about the Kingdom of God?

5. Looking at verse 23-28, How did the Pharisees have the Sabbath wrong and how did Jesus correct them?

6. Looking at 3:1-6 What were the Pharisees concerned about? How does this compare with their own actions?

### Think

7. How should we view times of opposition or rejection that come because we are Christians?

8. What should motivate us to be like Jesus in our attitude to sinners? What do you need to do to become more like Jesus in your compassion for sinners?

9. What will our church be like if we are seeking to be a rescue station for the lost instead of an exclusive religious club?

## Give thanks and pray

- Thank God that no one is too sinful for Jesus to rescue them. Pray that we have Jesus eyes for the lost around us. Pray that people are saved at the Parish Dinner.
- Thank God that Jesus was willing to endure opposition and rejection for us. Pray that we would be willing to endure that for Him.