

Mark

A Study of the Gospel of Mark

Mark 2:13-17



Form 1040

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

Label
(See instructions on page 12.)
Use the IRS

For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2007, or other tax year beginning on _____

Your first name and initial _____

If a joint return, spouse's name and initial _____

Home address (number and street name) _____

City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code _____

Check here if you, or your spouse, are a P.O. Box filer

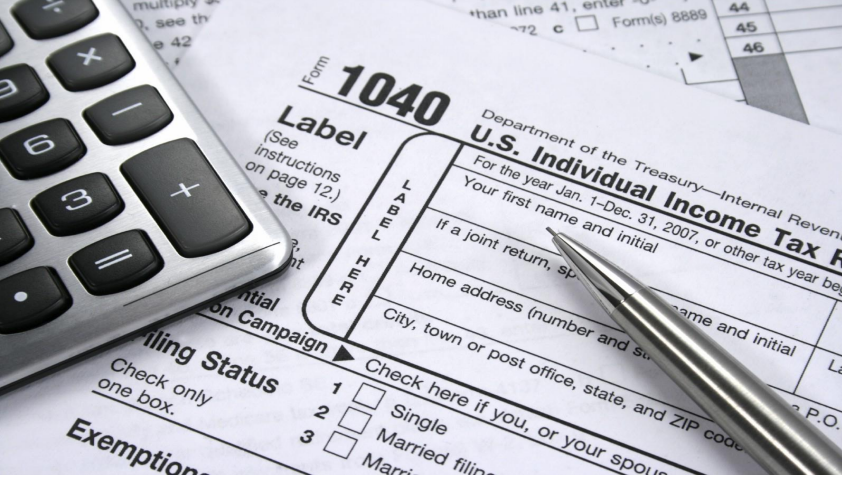
Filing Status

Check only one box.

- 1 Single
- 2 Married filing jointly
- 3 Married filing separately

Exemptions

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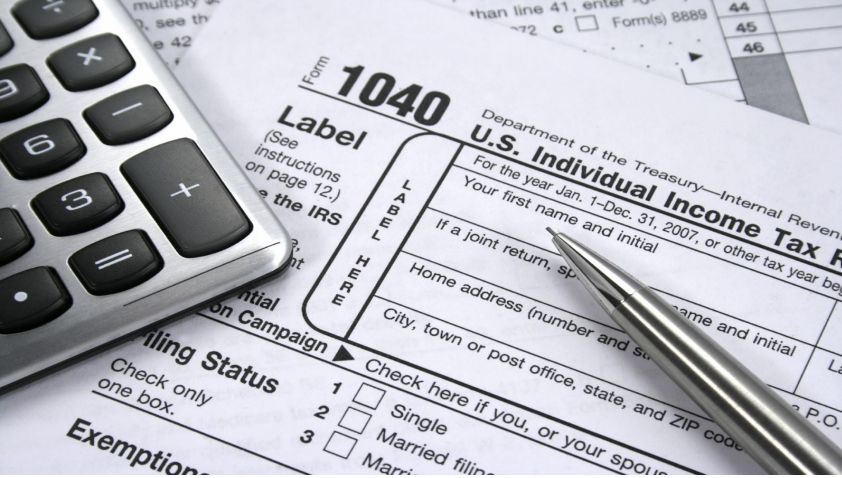


2019-2020

Government Spending

\$4,746,000,000,000

In order to spend that much money we would have to spend \$6,547,200 per day...everyday since the day that Jesus rose from the grave!



2019-2020

Government Spending

\$4,746,000,000,000

In order to spend that much money we would have to spend \$150,494 every second for a year!

Roman Denarius (Tiberius Pictured)



Roman Taxes on the Jews

1. "Poll Tax" men ages 14-64 for being alive
2. "Ground Tax" – 10% of all grain, 20% of all wine and oil, probably also on fish
3. "Income tax" 1% of all income



Roman “Duty” Tax



1. Roads/docking
2. Sales tax on items
3. Import/export
4. Carts per wheel

Mark 2:13

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

Mark 2:14

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.

Levi = Matthew

1. Mark calls him Matthew in 3:18
2. The Gospel of Matthew refers to him as “Matthew” in the parallel account (Matt 9:9)
3. Why the name change? Probably initiated by Christ. Matthew means “Gift of God”

Consider this man's circumstance when Christ calls him!

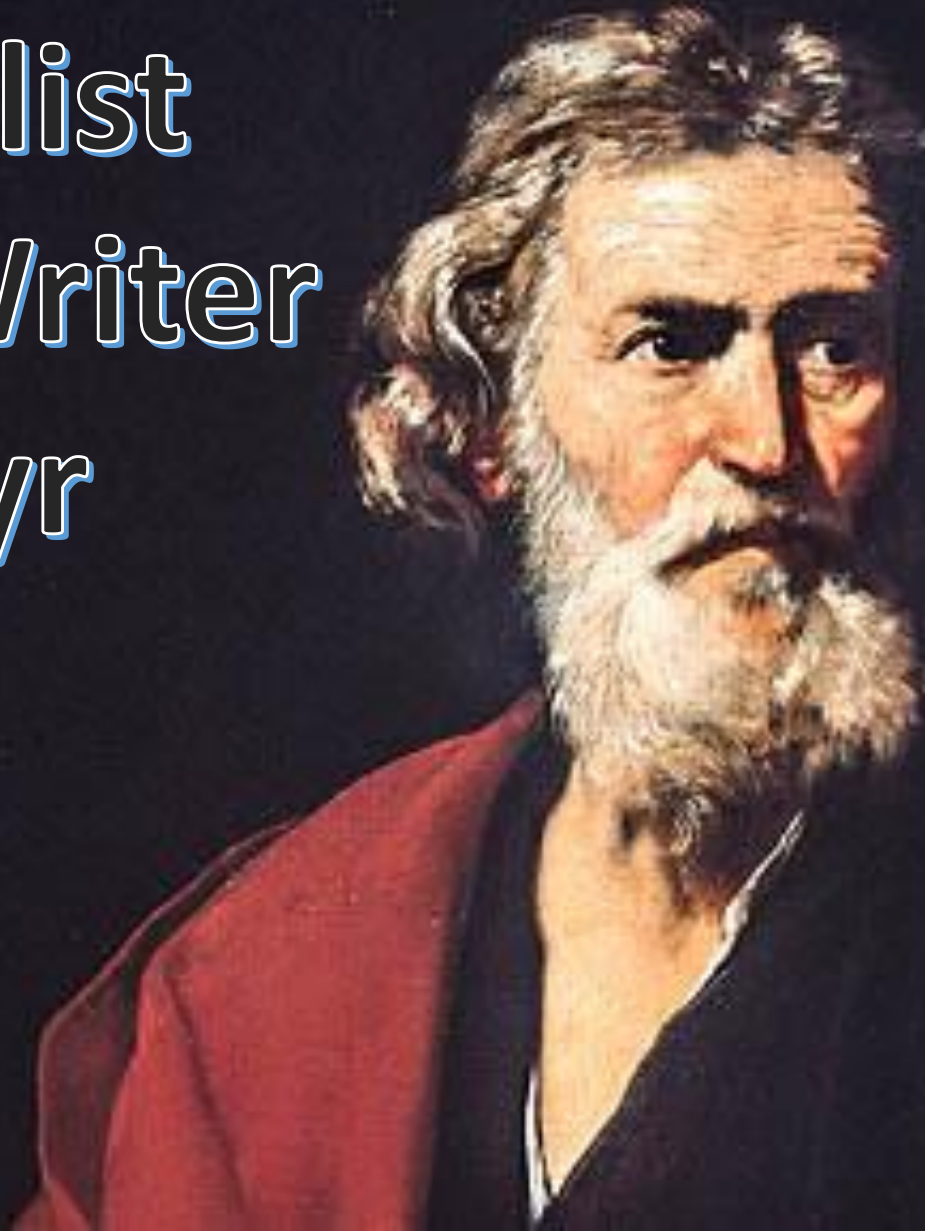


Consider what God accomplished through his life!

- Evangelist
- Gospel Writer
- Martyr

Ephesians

2:1-10



Mark 2:15

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.

Luke 15:32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Mark 2:16

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’?”



**Pharisee
literally means
“a separatist”**

**It was seen as
ritually unclean
to associate
with tax
collectors and
“sinners”**





“Sinner” was defined as those who did not adhere to the instructions of the scribes and teachers of the Law.



Mark 2:17

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.”

Not the Righteous, but Sinners

1. Christ wanted to focus on those who did NOT know the Truth! He did not come to speak the truth to those who already knew it but to those who needed to hear it!

Not the Righteous, but Sinners

2. Christ did not come for those who saw themselves as “righteous” but for those who saw themselves as sinners in desperate need of God’s grace!

Jesus was NOT a Separatist!

John 17:15

15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

Matthew 9:12-13

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

“Unless offered in the context of obedience, sacrifices were meaningless and even offensive.”

Micah 6:6-8

6 With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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...the way
...the way
...the way

...a boat, preparing their
...he called them, and they
...saw in the boat with
...followed him.