



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 107 - Head-Butting Time (Mark 1:21-2:22)

When the Jews thought about a coming king, they thought of one who would conquer their worldly enemies. Remember they had been a captive nation under Babylon, Persia and the Macedonians. They tasted a little freedom under the Maccabees (see episode 104), but now they were now under the thumb of the Romans. It's easy to understand why they concluded the first job for the King of the Jews would be to reestablish the kingdom of David by going to battle against Israel's earthly enemies just as David had done.

- What are some of the lesser *enemies* in life that we can easily mistake as the highest priority for our Lord Jesus to handle?
- What are some of the bigger needs you face in life?
- Why is the danger coming from Satan's dominion even greater?

Jesus' ministry is new and radical. It has to be. The Jewish religion is focused on all the wrong things.

- Jesus touched lepers who were considered "untouchable." What people do we consider "untouchable" today?
- How would Jesus have us touch them?
- The Christian life involves times of grief, sorrow and suffering. But even with that being the case, why is it always underlined by a deep, abiding sense of joy, comfort and hope?
- How can a Christian's day-to-day living stand out as different from the life of one who doesn't know Jesus Christ?

Going against Satan and his followers on earth will put a cross-shaped target on Jesus' back. Humanly speaking Jesus' determination to stand out from the crowd and live differently will lead to His crucifixion.

- How does this fulfill God's plan for Jesus' Kingship and His most important purpose: destroying the works of Satan?