







The Structure of a "Chiasm" in Eastern Literature

God is good;

and He loves me at all times.

His love endures forever;

Because God is good.

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BridgeWay Church **Biblical Chiasm Example #2** v. 1 v. 2 A If you treasure (<u>store up</u>) my commandments
B Make your ear attentive to <u>wisdom and understanding</u> C Cry for discernment v. 4 D If you seek her E as silver E' and as hidden treasure D' search for her C' You will discern the Lord v. 6 B' For God gives wisdom and understanding A' He stores up wisdom for the upright Prov. 2:1-7a Big idea - Seek wisdom like a precious treasure and you will receive it from God.

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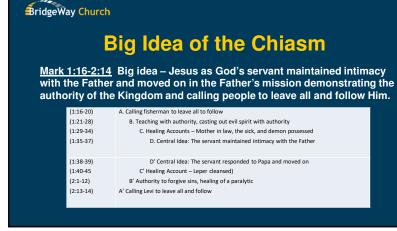
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## Thematic Chiasm of Mark 1:16-2:14

- A. Calling fisherman to immediately leave all and follow (1:16-20)
- B. Teaching with <u>authority</u>, casting out evil spirit with authority (1:21-28)
  - C. Healing Accounts Mother in law, the sick, and demon possessed (1:29-34)
  - Central Idea: Jesus' maintained constant intimacy with the Father and kept moving on with His mission (1:35-39)
  - C' <u>Healing</u> Account Leper cleansed (1:40-45)
- B' Authority to forgive sins, healing of a paralytic (2:1-12)
- A' Calling Levi to immediately leave all and follow (2:13-14)

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## **Unpacking Each Section of the Text**

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## **Key Thoughts and Application**

- A. This section involves a <u>selective presentation of events</u>, without concern for specificity of the details or chronology as we are accustomed in the West, <u>in</u> order to make a main point.
- B. <u>Jesus' authority to heal and deliver is a sign</u> that Jesus embodies the Kingdom, that He is the Christ, and that his message is true.
- C. <u>There is an emphasis on *immediacy*</u> of the actions, the immediacy of the miracle, and the immediacy of the response.
- D. <u>There is also and emphasis on crowds</u>, people gathering, people pressing in, His fame with the masses.
- E. There is an urgency in leaving all to follow Jesus and move as He moves

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