



Mark 1:16-2:14

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**I am Interested in what the
Structure of the ENTIRE Passage
Can Teach us...**

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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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Biblical Chiasm Example #1

v. 1	A Lord,
	B you have been (our dwelling place)
	C from generation to generation
v. 2	D before the mountains
	E were brought forth
	E' or were formed
	D' the earth and the world
	C' from everlasting to everlasting
	B' you are
	A' God

Psa. 90:1-2 Big idea - God is to praised, because from the beginning of time He has been our dwelling place.

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Biblical Chiasm Example #2

v. 1	A If you treasure (<u>store up</u>) my commandments
v. 2	B Make your ear attentive to <u>wisdom and understanding</u>
v. 3	C Cry for <u>discernment</u>
v. 4	D If you <u>seek</u> her
	E as silver
v. 4	E' and as hidden treasure
	D' <u>search</u> for her
v. 5	C' You will <u>discern</u> the Lord
v. 6	B' For God gives <u>wisdom and understanding</u>
v. 7a	A' He <u>stores up</u> 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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Thematic Chiasm of Mark 1:16-2:14

- A. Calling fisherman to immediately leave all and follow (1:16-20)
- B. Teaching with authority, casting out evil spirit with authority (1:21-28)
- C. Healing Accounts – Mother in law, the sick, and demon possessed (1:29-34)
- D. Central Idea: Jesus' maintained constant intimacy with the Father and kept moving on with His mission (1:35-39)
- C' Healing 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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Big Idea of the Chiasm

Mark 1:16-2:14 Big idea – Jesus as God's servant maintained intimacy with the Father and moved on in the Father's mission demonstrating the authority of the Kingdom and calling people to leave all and follow Him.

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(1:21-28)	B. Teaching with authority, casting out evil spirit with authority
(1:29-34)	C. Healing Accounts – Mother in law, the sick, and demon possessed
(1:35-37)	D. Central Idea: The servant maintained intimacy with the Father
(1:38-39)	D' Central Idea: The servant responded to Papa and moved on
(1:40-45)	C' Healing Account – Leper cleansed
(2:1-12)	B' Authority to forgive sins, healing of a paralytic
(2:13-14)	A' Calling Levi to leave all and follow

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Unpacking Each Section of the Text

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Key Thoughts and Application

- A. This section involves a selective presentation of events, without concern for specificity of the details or chronology as we are accustomed in the West, in order to make a main point.
- B. Jesus' authority to heal and deliver is a sign that Jesus embodies the Kingdom, that He is the Christ, and that his message is true.
- C. There is an emphasis on immediacy of the actions, the immediacy of the miracle, and the immediacy of the response.
- D. There is also an emphasis on crowds, 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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