

Mark 2:1-12

Your Sins Are Forgiven









# The Scene



Mediterranean Sea

Tyre

Galilee

Capernaum

Nazareth

Samaria

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

Judea

Beersheba

Damascus

Caesarea Philippi

Sea of Galilee

R. Yarmuk

R. Jabbok

Dead Sea

R. Arnon

# Jesus Returns Home

- **Mark 2:1** - And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

# Jesus – Preaching the Word

➤ **Mark 2:2** - <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

# Removing the Roof

- **Mark 2:3-4** - <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay.





# The Conflict

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- **Mark 2:5-7** - <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”



# The Conflict

- The charge of blasphemy will be used by the religious leaders to condemn Jesus to death.
- **Mark 14:64** - <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death.



# Jesus' Answer

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- **Mark 2:8-12** - <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

# Jesus Knows the Heart

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# Jesus – “the Son of Man”

- 13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like **a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13–14 ESV)

# God's Message

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- **Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. (Isaiah 35:3–6 ESV)**



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- **Jesus has come to fulfill your greatest need.**
- **Jesus has come to solve your greatest life problem.**
- **Now see it: your greatest problem is not your suffering.**
- **Your greatest problem is your sin.**
- Our greatest need is not comforting our pain. Our greatest need is rescue from our sins.
- Our main problem is not what has happened to us or what people have done to us.
- **Our greatest problem is how we have responded to that.**

# Conclusion

- This is an empowering revelation.
- We cannot do anything about what other people have done to us.
- We cannot reverse the past.
- We cannot fix the hurts.
- We cannot undo the pain. Nothing can fix those pains.
- **Those wounds remain in our lives. But we can do something about ourselves.**
- **The thing that we can do is see what our greatest need is. We can see what our greatest pain truly is. We can see what our lives need the most.**



# Conclusion

- **This paralyzed man's greatest need was not to walk.**
- We would all look at him with physical eyes and think that healing his legs was exactly his greatest need.
- But Jesus makes a statement open the eyes of everyone to a spiritual awareness.
- Our comfort is not our greatest need.
- Our health is not our greatest need.
- Our security or wealth are not our greatest needs.
- **Our greatest need is that we see our greatest problem that Jesus has come to solve.**