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## MARK 2:1-12

### LESSON: HEALING AND FORGIVENESS— May 5, 2024

#### INTRODUCTION:

Some commentators claim that Peter furnished much of the material for the Gospel, whereas others say that Mark made notes of Peter's preaching and later used the notes to write the Gospel. For he had neither heard the Lord or been his disciple; but he had been Peter's disciple. John Mark wrote the gospel of Mark. However, Mark tells us some dramatic action-packed stories. He gives us some of the most vivid accounts of Christ's activities.

In **Chapter 1:40-45** Jesus is in Galilee and encounters a man with **leprosy**. Leprosy was the most feared disease of the ancient world. The leper was considered the most unclean revolting and hideous person imaginable. It was thought to be the result of a terrible sin in the minds of people. There was no known cure. Only God was considered powerful enough to cure the disease. Therefore cleansing the leper, Jesus was demonstrating His Messiah-ship! **1:40**The leper came kneeling down before Jesus wanting Him to make him clean (if He can). **1:41**Jesus was moved with compassion and touched the leper, saying *"I will, be thou clean."* **1:42**As soon as Jesus has spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from the man and he was clean. **1:43-44**Jesus charged the man to say nothing about this matter. Just show himself to the priest according to the law for a testimony to him and go about his business (**Leviticus 14:2-20**). Jesus did not annul the law or do away with the law, He fulfilled the law. By obeying the law, the man was obeying Jesus! Obedience is important to our blessings! **1:45**However, the man disregarded Jesus' charge, and told everyone what had happened, therefore, Jesus could not openly enter into the city; the crowds were too large, and He was forced to stay outside in the desert places. Imagine the people who were never helped because Jesus was forced out into a desert place. We may not understand the command of the Lord, but we must obey!

#### LESSON: I. A PHYSICAL NEED MARK 2:1-5

**2:1** And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

It was several days later that Jesus has now entered into Capernaum which will be set as His home-base ministry. People couldn't keep it to themselves, and the Word was spread around that Jesus had returned there. He apparently returned to Simon Peter's house where He had healed Peter's mother-in-law (**ML1:29-31**).

**2:2** And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. The house was so full, making it impossible for anyone to get through the door to hear Jesus preach the Word. He preached the Word of God to men who are lost eternally, but He also healed by forgiving of sins! This is Jesus' main purpose!

**2:3** And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. People are still coming. However, this man could not come on his own, but was brought to Jesus. Whoever brought him saw a desperate need for this man. These four men weren't concerned for themselves, but for the one they were bringing! When you recognize someone's need, do you act? The man was in one accord with them bringing him. He was sick of how he was feeling! He was sick of not feeding himself, dressing himself, bathing himself. He wanted a physical healing. However, our physical healing is tied to our spiritual healing of forgiveness. The first step is coming to Jesus! *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..."* **Matt.11:28.**

**2:4** And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. They tried to come through the door, but could not get pass the crowd. They went upon the roof; made a hole in the roof in the right

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position of where Jesus was preaching, and began to lower the man sick of the palsy down to Jesus! No obstacle hindered them. They were going to get this man to Jesus, whatever the cost! I guess real faith will move you to that point! They would not let their journey be in vain. You thought they had tools to do this? They dug through rocks of clay and scooped out straw to open that hole. *"We're pay you later bro. about your roof."*

**2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.** Jesus saw their faith (belief), their tenacity; their steadfastness; they didn't give up. Are we like that? You go to the doctor; they diagnose you with a disease, and you give up, and God is your last resort. Are we? Jesus saw the four men's faith, and then said to the man sick of the palsy, *"Son your sins are forgiven you."* Don't let sin keep you from Jesus.

1. Jesus forgave the man's sins first. By doing so, He taught that the most important thing in a man's life is for man to seek forgiveness of sins before anything else. He wants us to have eternal life rather than just a few show years. But before you can live eternally, we must willingly come to Jesus for forgiveness of sins, so you can be clean inside; right inside; trustworthy inside; humble inside.
2. Jesus proclaimed forgiveness in tenderness and compassion. He did not...
  - a. Accuse the man of past sins.
  - b. Find fault with the man.
  - c. Begrudge or hesitate in forgiving the man. He called him son.
3. Jesus proclaimed forgiveness in His own authority. He did not say God forgive this man. No, Jesus forgave this man Himself, in His own name, and by His own power and authority!

The point is unmistakable: Jesus proclaimed to be God, the very Son of God!

## II. A COMPLETE HEALING MARK 2:6-12

**2:6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,**— Apparently, the ruling body in Jerusalem, the Sanhedrin, had heard about a prophet in Galilee who was carrying on an unusual ministry. So, the Sanhedrin sent a delegation to Capernaum to investigate Jesus. The Scribes mentioned in this verse are that delegation. When the Scribes heard Jesus forgive the man's sins, they immediately understood the point Jesus was declaring. And they began to reason in their minds and hearts.

**2:7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?**— Questions are going on rapidly: *"Why is this man speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only? Is He claiming o be God?"*

**2:8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?**— Now, they have not said anything to Jesus, but Jesus has already perceived in His Spirit as to what's going on within their hearts. He does not let this pass by. He asked them a question: *"Why reason ye these things in your hearts?"*

1. **Jesus revealed that He knew the human heart;** exactly what man thinks, even his motives, and reasoning.

**2:9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?**— Jesus asks the Scribes a question: Which is easier to say— be forgiven or be healed?

2. **Jesus revealed His supernatural wisdom and fearlessness.**

He suggested to them come on test me with the impossible. Jesus is not backing down. It's really easy to say both, but it would be more difficult to prove the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, if the man could walk again, that would prove the truth of Jesus' Words.

**2:10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)**—

3. **Jesus stated His purpose:** so, to prove that the real indisputable power was standing in front of them to

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forgive even their sins. The Father sent Him as the Son of Man.

He said "*Son of Man*" to emphasize that Jesus was fully human, and still be "the Son of God" emphasizing that He was fully God. As a man He can identify with our deepest needs and sufferings, and help us overcome sin. And as God's Son, Jesus has the authority to forgive sins. He wanted them to know that He, the Son of Man hath power on earth being fully Man and fully God to forgive sins.

**2:11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.** At Jesus' command, the man was to Arise, pick up his bed and go to his own house himself with no other help.

4. Jesus proved His power to forgive sins.

He healed the man and caused the man to arise and walk. His power is indisputable! Jesus simply spoke the word "**Arise**", and the man walked. The power was in Jesus' Will and Word! His Will is in His Word, and His Word is His Will! Jesus showed that God had given that authority to Him.

Jesus breathed upon His disciples: John 20:22 says "*And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.*" 20:23 "*Whose soever sins ye remit (forgive), they are remitted (forgiven) unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain (refuse to forgive), they are retained (unforgiven).*" The gift of the Holy Spirit is connected with the action of forgiving or not forgiving sins. It was not the work of the disciples to forgive sins, but the work of the Holy Spirit through the disciples as they fulfilled the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus gave the disciples authority to state that forgiveness of sins was possible. People cannot receive the message of forgiveness until they receive the One who Forgives—Jesus!

**2:12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.** The man walked before all as a living testimony to the power of Jesus to forgive and heal a man's whole being. They glorified God and even proclaimed that they had never seen anything like this before. The great tragedy is that few pay attention to the claim that sins are forgiven. They ignore the fact and go on their merry way, continuing to walk in the selfishness of this world.

## SUMMARY:

**2:1** It was several days later that Jesus has now entered into Capernaum, and the word was spread around that Jesus was in the house. **2:2** So many people gathered that there was no room left as Jesus preached. **2:3** A man could not come on his own, but was carried to Jesus by four men. **2:4** They tried to come through the door but could not get pass the crowd. They went upon the roof; made a hole in the roof in the right position of where Jesus was preaching, and began to lower the man sick of the palsy down to Jesus! **2:5** Jesus saw the faith (belief), their tenacity; the steadfastness of the men; they didn't give up. And He told the man sick of the palsy, "*Son, thy sins be forgiven thee*" (**2:1-5**).

**2:6** Some of the \*scribes were sitting there. They were thinking in their hearts. **2:7** Questions are rapidly going on in their hearts! "*Why is this man blaspheming? Who can forgive sins but God only? Is He claiming o be God?*" **2:8** Jesus has already perceived in His Spirit as to what's going on within their hearts. And He asked them a question: "*Why reason ye these things in your hearts?*" **2:9** Jesus asks them a question. "*Is it easier to say to this man, "God has forgiven your sins", or to say "Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk"?*" **2:10** Jesus wanted them to know that He, the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. **2:11** Jesus simply spoke the word "**Arise**" to the man, and the man walked, and he was to go to his own house himself. **2:12** The man walked before all as a living testimony to the power of Jesus to forgive and heal a man's whole being. They glorified God and even proclaimed that they had never seen anything like this before (**2:6-12**).