

## Why Follow Jesus? | Part 3

Lesson 3

Mark 2:1-12

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### He Forgives Our Sins

#### INTRODUCTION

We all have family and friends we know that need healing. Some need physical healing and others may be physically healthy but spiritually are very weak. We pray, encourage, and love them, hoping God brings them healing.

In this week's lesson we are going to read the story of four friends that went above and beyond to bring their paralytic friend to the one person they thought could heal him. They carried him to a home in Capernaum and found it difficult to get in, so they cut a hole in the roof and lowered their friend down to meet Jesus.

This is a story of faith, friendship, grace, and Godly power, all revealing the true identity of Jesus Christ.

***Memory verse: "But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."—Mark 2:10***

Pray, and read Mark 2:1-12. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

## **OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. Why did the paralytic's friends need to take him to the roof to meet Jesus? (Mark 2:2-4)
2. What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man? (Mark 2:5)
3. What were the teachers of the law thinking about what Jesus said? (Mark 2:6-7)
4. How did Jesus respond to the thoughts of the teachers of the law, and what did He say to the man? (Mark 2:8-11)
5. What was the response of the other people to Jesus healing the paralyzed man? (Mark 2:12)

## **INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?**

1. What type(s) of healing do you think the men were searching for? What type(s) of healing did their friend receive? See Interpretation question 2 for help.
  
2. What is the difference between physical healing and spiritual healing? What do you think is our greatest need? (Psalm 103:2-4; John 5:2-9; 1 Peter 2:24)
  
3. There were many different responses to the healing of the paralyzed man. Why did the teachers of the law respond the way they did? (Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Mark 2:7)

4. In Mark 2:10, Jesus refers to Himself as “Son of Man.” What does this mean? (Daniel 7:13-14)

**APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?**

1. Who in your life needs healing? What can you do this week to begin the process of bringing that person to our one true God, Jesus Christ? Would you be willing to start this process by putting their name on the prayer list or by coming forward to ask for prayer for them in church?

2. When the four friends brought their impaired friend to that house in Capernaum, they knew Jesus could heal, but do you think they knew they would be meeting God? (see Daniel 7:14 and Interpretation question 4) What will you do this week to draw closer to the Son of Man?

3. How does knowing that Jesus is the Son of Man and can heal us both physically and spiritually inspire you to follow Him?