

**Series "The God Who Serves"**  
**"Your Sins Are Forgiven"**  
**Mark 2:1-12**  
**Study-6**

**"The Healing Of The Paralytic" – This Miracle and Discourse is recorded in all 3 of the Synoptic Gospels: Here in Mark 2:1-12; Matt 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26**

**Mark 2:7**

**"Forgiveness Is Man's Deepest Need And God's Highest Achievement."**

**Mark 2:1-3:6 – A Section That Covers 5 Direct Conflicts With The Religious Leaders.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "All Of Mankind Suffers From The Paralysis Of Sin, But Only Jesus, The Son Of Man, Can Forgive Sins"

**1. Verses 1-2 – The Priority Of The Word**

**2. Verses 3-5 – The Faith That Dares**

**3. Verses 6-12 – The Religious Paralytics**

**1. Verses 1-2 – The Priority Of The Word:**

Mark 2:1

Mark 1:43-45

You can't help but empathize with this man but you can never justify disobedience to God.

"it was heard that He was at home." – Literally "The home" Mark 1:29.

Matt. 8:20

Mark 2:2

"speaking the word to them." – "to utter words, to speak, the speaking in a conversational tone, (We would say, "down to earth")

Luke 5:17

**2. Verses 3-5 – The Faith That Dares:**

Mark 2:3

Luke 5:18

“And they came,” – (four men.) Mark’s gospel is the most detailed. The information came from Peter.

“paralytic” – “without strength”; spiritually symbolizes the outcome of sin. Sin paralyzes us, and keeps us from moving, walking, and living.

Romans 5:6

Ps. 119:71

### I Want To Make 5 Observations About These Men’s Great Faith:

1. True Faith Compelled Them To Bring Their Friend To Jesus: “a paralytic, carried by four men.”

There are some people that will not come to Jesus unless we bring them!

Mark 2:4

2. True Faith Believes Jesus Can Meet the Need: “And being unable to get to Him because of the crowd,”

Hebrews 11:6

Matthew 11:12

Acts 4:12

3. True Faith Is Not Disheartened By Difficult Circumstances: “And being unable to get to Him because of the crowd,”

Luke 5:19

The Men Were Persistent –

Natural Obstacles –

Demonic Opposition – James 4:7-8

4. True Faith Is Creative – Not Afraid To Try Something New: “removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.”

When we believe that Jesus is the only way, we will do radical things to get people to Him.

Time To Do The Costly; Someone has to pay! One if not all 4 had to pay for the roof!

Mark 2:5

5. True Faith Has Feet: "Jesus seeing their faith"

"your sins are forgiven." – Jesus Start's With The Man's Greatest Need, Forgiveness: Greatest miracle, greatest need, greatest results, greatest price.

The Rabbis Taught That Sickness Was a result of sin. Which is a general truth, that sickness is the result of sin, but not in all cases.

John 9:1-3

1 Cor 11:29-30

### **3. Verses 6-12 – The Religious Paralytics:**

Mark 2:6

Luke 5:17

Pharisees – Separatists ("to separate" non-priests); They believed in separation from all that was unclean, including all sinful people; Dead bodies.

Teachers of the law, "scribes" – "Lawyers"; they recorded and made copies of the scriptures. They were so familiar with the scriptures that they became known as "The experts of the law."

"and reasoning in their hearts," – There is nothing wrong with reasoning or thinking things through, but to do it apart from God will prove to be a disaster.

Mark 2:7

He is Blaspheming – "reproachful speech injurious to the divine majesty"

The Religious Were Wrong: "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming;"

The Religious Were Right: "Only God Can Forgive Sins"

Mark 2:8

Omniscience – means that "God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly and equally well." Psalm 139:2

Mark 2:9-10

Son of Man – is used 14X in Mark, Daniel 7:13-14

“has authority on earth to forgive sins” – Only God can forgive sins.

Mark 2:11-12

2 Cor. 5:17

“so that they were all amazed” – “to throw one out of his mind, drive one out of his senses, astonish, throw into wonderment”

**Application:** There Are 3 Ways To Go Home!

1. We Can Go Home Like This Former Paralytic, Being Forgiven And Set Free From The Paralyzes Of Sin.
2. We Can Be Go Home Like The Onlookers, Amazed, Giving The Glory To God But At the Same Time Not Necessarily Changed.
3. We Can Go Home Like The Religious, Both Hard And Unchanged. We Can Stiffen Our Necks, And Continue On Our Own Way Apart From God.