

**Empowering:**The Religious leaders were right

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Mark 2:6,7

**Jesus isn’t just claiming to be a miracle worker.**

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, 11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” Mark 2:8-11

**So which is easier? What is Jesus trying to get across?**

“...or to **say**, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”

**say** is the synonym of the word “**do**”

It’s much easier to **say** sins are forgiven  
but infinitely harder to **do**

Why is it so important for you to see the depth of God’s grace?

Because the truth is that you will treat other people

just as you think \_\_\_\_\_



The story of the King... who came to serve.

**Part 6:**

**What Jesus Came To Heal**  
Mark Chapter 2 verses 1-12

**The Healing Of The Paralytic That Was Lowered Through The Roof**

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 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 pallet on which the paralytic lay.

Mark 2:1-4

These men dared to do the \_\_\_\_\_

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What would you be willing to do to bring people to Jesus?

**The three parties to the story are confused by what Jesus does:**

1. The paralyzed man and his four friends
2. The readers of this passage for the last 2000 years
3. The religious leaders are not only confused, but angry

**Each one of these three groups teaches us something important.**

What was it the paralyzed man wanted from Jesus?  
It seems in the story everyone knows but Jesus.

But instead of rise up and be healed Jesus says:

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man,  
**“My son, your sins are forgiven.”** Mark 2:5

**1. Challenge:** You think you know your worst problem in life

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The main problem in all our lives is never our suffering

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**2. Comfort:** Jesus offers forgiveness without the man expressing repentance.

Is Jesus contradicting the whole of scripture where repentance is required for forgiveness?

In Verse 8 we see Jesus reading the minds and hearts of the religious leaders.

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John the apostle in his Gospel gives us some insight into this great perceptibility of Jesus.

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. John 2:23-25

He knew them because he knew what was in man.

Therefore in this man there lay a heart of repentance that Jesus could see.

Here's the comfort: Jesus Christ is so eager and so wanting to extend his grace and mercy to us he pardons even to the unexpressed desires of our heart.