



BEREAN
SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:16

Jesus Came to Forgive Sins

Mark 2:1-12

Read Mark 2:1-12 Together:

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² 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. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ 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. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ 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? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² 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!”

The Steps of the Gospel:

1. Faith brings us to Jesus.

- ? What is Jesus’ reaction to the paralytic man being lowered from the roof? What does Jesus see in the paralytic man and his friends?
- ? Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How are we saved? How is this different from our natural tendency and other world religions?

2. Jesus forgives our sins.

- ? Why did the paralytic man seek out Jesus? How would you react if you were the paralytic man and Jesus declared, “Your sins are forgiven”?
- ? Why is it so tempting to look to God to fix your life instead of fixing your sins?
- ? How does Jesus compare physical healing and spiritual healing in Mark 2:8-9?
- ? How does Jesus display his authority over sin?

? How do the people react to the healing of the paralytic man?

3. Jesus fully frees us from sin and sickness.

? When will we fully experience freedom from sin and sickness?

? Are you waiting for healing of some kind? What is the hardest thing about waiting? What hope do you have as you wait?

? Do you ever struggle to feel forgiven? How does this passage speak truth to that feeling?

? What steps do you need to take this week to respond in faith and accept the forgiveness and freedom offered to you in Christ?