



Bringing Friends to Jesus the Master Servant

Mark 2:1-12

The Big Idea:

Jesus has the _____ to forgive people of their sins, therefore, we must bring people to Him no matter what the _____. (Mark 2:1-12)

Lessons From the Crowds, the Crippled, the Companions, and the Christ

1. When people meet Jesus through the _____ of His Word the crowds will begin to _____. (Mark 2:1-2)

vv.1-2 - No one has ever met Jesus and remained the same. Either lost souls are found, and a jubilee of praise breaks out or people express their disdain and hatred for Him and His messengers. Either way, this place will get crowded, either with those wanting to hear more about Him or those wanting to shut His followers up.

2. The crippled cannot come to Jesus ______. (Mark 2:3)

This man could not get to Jesus on his own because of his paralysis. The Greek word used here for paralytic actually means "one sick with palsy". It means that one side of his brain had been so deadened that he lost his motor functions and had become completely incapacitated. This man is a picture of what sin has done to people we meet every single day. Unless God brings them to Himself through whatever means He chooses they have no way of getting to Him. That means may very well be you and I, the church.

3. Companions that love Christ must do _____ it takes to get others to Jesus. (Mark 2:4)

v. 4 - Since the paralytic was always on the ground, he would have had a mat with him that he would lie or sit on. His four friends took that with them when they brought him to Jesus. Now, to their disappointment, when they arrived at Peter's house the crowd was so great that there was no way to reach Him. But, being that they cared so deeply for their friend, and obviously had heard about and trusted in the power of Jesus they did not give up.

A. In our attempts to bring people to Jesus, Satan will bring _____.

B. We must keep our _____ to bring people to Jesus no matter what the opposition may be.

C. When we resolve to bring people to Jesus, we must be people of _____.

4. When we bring our friends to Christ they will experience the ultimate _____ and _____ from the Master Servant. (Mark 2:5-11)

v. 5 - Jesus went straight to the heart of the problem with this paralyzed man. The heart of the problem was not his paralysis, it was his sin.

vv. 6-7 – It's interesting that the Pharisees are just sitting there questioning and accusing Jesus. This is what religious people do, they just sit and criticize. The people that trust Jesus are bringing their friends to Jesus while the religious people just sit and criticize.

vv. 8-9 – You'll notice Jesus doesn't get all upset, He simply addresses their attitude and continues to work and serve.

vv. 10-11 – Jesus knew these people believed that if One could heal He could forgive sin and that if one was healed he was forgiven of his sin. So, Jesus simply speaks, and this man is healed and proves that he was forgiven of his sin by Jesus.

v. 12 – They were amazed and glorified God!

Conclusion:

Are you amazed by God? It's tempting to come here week after week or tune in to podcasts or watch a sermon online and have it just be one more thing that we did that week. It was just more words that we heard. But were we amazed? Every moment of every day of every week of every year of our lives we should live in amazement of who God is, what He has done, and what He will do. Then we should glorify God everywhere we go by the lives we live and the words we speak.