

# Mark 2:1-12

3 MOTIVATIONS FOR GIVING  
THANKS TO JESUS



# Background/Context

Mark continues describe Jesus' great Galilean ministry

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Jesus and Disciples building Kingdom of God; sharing Good News and explaining God's plan of salvation for all people

Beginning here; opposition to Jesus by religious leaders

Here, Jesus performs another miracle and through validates His word and His identity

Jesus seeks to reveal His identity; Mark shows reasons to give thanks to Him

# Accessibility Of His Word

(vv.1-2) After time in other areas of Galilee, Jesus and Disciples return to Capernaum; reside in Peter's house

Word spreads quickly, Jesus is back; many heard about Him and curious; want to see for themselves miracles

House engulfed in crowd; no room for anyone to get inside

While most came for miracle, Jesus first gave them the Word

Ps. 119:72, “The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver.”

John 6:68, “But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go?’ ‘You have the words of eternal life.’”



# Availability Of His Compassionate Provision

(vv.3-5) Beautiful and powerful scene; while Jesus preaching, 4 men come to house carrying a man paralyzed

This man's life filled with agony/desperation; brought by family or friends who want to help; believed Jesus would be the answer

Crowd so great, not able to get in; instead of giving up, tear up roof and lower man to where Jesus was

Jesus always put people and their needs over programs

2 Cors. 3:5, “Not that we care sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.”

Rom. 8:37, “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Ps. 103:3, “Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your



# Accountability Of Balance Between Physical And Spiritual

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(vv.6-12) After Jesus' declaration in (v.5) Scribes/Religious leaders shocked, believe Jesus has just blasphemed

Jesus made claim of His divinity; religious leaders knew this

Jesus knows their thoughts and uses as teachable moment; since only God can heal this man and only God can forgive sins, what if both occur? Would a person be God if they could only do one of the two?

Jesus heals man visibly to prove He can cleanse sin on inside

Much here, but Jesus shows there connection between the physical and spiritual in ministry

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Must keep balance between both to be biblical; sometimes must meet physical needs so as to be able to share spiritual truth

Great to meet physical needs, but must go beyond “social Gospel” and share biblical truth about forgiveness of sin and receiving Jesus’ free gift of eternal life

Psalm 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”



James 2:15, “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?””

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