



The Gospel of Mark #6 "Authority To Forgive Sin"

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

Mark 2:1-2

The CROWD Valued The Miracles More Than The Message Or The Messiah

And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, ⁴And 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. And when Jesus saw their faith... '

Mark 2:3-5

Spiritual Faith Is Based On CONVICTION Not On Experience

- A Faith That Dares To ACT
- A Faith That Dares To Do What Is DIFFICULT
- A Faith That Dares To Do The EXTRA-ORDINARY
- A Faith That Dares To Do What Is COSTLY

"Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:5

Our Biggest Problem Is Not Our Suffering It Is Our SIN

"It is ignoring God in the world He has made; it is rebelling against Him by living without reference to Him. It is saying; 'I will decide exactly how I will live my life' "

~Timothy Keller "The King's Cross"~

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?"

Mark 2:6-7

By Claiming The Authority To FORGIVE Sin, Jesus Was Claiming To Be God

"You have distorted you deepest wish by making it into you savior and now that you have it, it has turned on you. But Jesus says; 'If you have me I will fulfil you, and if you fail me, I will forgive you. I am the only savior who will do that' "

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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? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home. 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!"

Mark 2:8-12

A Miracle Worker Can Heal Our Bodies But Only A SAVIOR Can Forgive Our Sin

"We don't need someone who can grant our wishes. We need someone who can go deeper than that. Some who will use his claws, lovingly and carefully, to pierce our self-centeredness and remove the sin that enslaves us and distorts our beautiful longings. In short we need to be forgiven. That is the only way for our discontent to be healed."

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Life Groups

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, to love one another, grow faith and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word.

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Using the S.O.A.P Bible Study Method:

(S= Scripture O=Observations, A=Application P= Prayer)

- At Life Group take turn in sharing the observations and application that you have gleaned from this week Scripture reading

Discussion From This Weeks Message:

- Read Mark 2:1-12
- Do you in anyway identify with the curious crowd in this story? Why? Why not?
- Do you in anyway identify with the paralyzed man and his friends? Why? Why not?
- Discuss the statement: "Our biggest problem is not our suffering it is our sin"
- As you consider your longings and desires – have these become for you in a sense a functional savior? Discuss
- When you consider your sin in relationship to your physical needs or longings- which seems to be weightier?
- Have you experienced in your relationship with Jesus, his desire to take you deeper yet? Share with your group.
- Pray for each other. Pray for the willingness to allow Jesus to do the deep work of healing in each of our lives

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