

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

2015 VISION: *Redeem the Time!*

Current Book: The Gospel According to Mark – Message 12

Scriptures for Today: Mark 2:1-12

Title of Today's Message: **Bring ONE to Jesus!**

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw our Lord's **compassion** for even the **vilest** of people when he healed a leper who came to him. We looked at how leprosy in its deadly phase is like sin. And, we concluded that we must be moved with compassion to speak to people before they perish. We must get "*on fire*" for God's glory! This week, we will see the great lengths that **four people** took to **BRING 1 person** to Jesus. When He saw their faith, He healed the sick of the palsy. Most everyone present was amazed by the miracle – except for **certain of the scribes** who were too busy "SITTING there" and being critical to care about dear souls who were destined to perish. What a lesson we can learn from this short little passage in Mark. **It is time for us to bring someone to Jesus!**

PREACHING NOTES

1. And it was **noised** that He was **in the HOUSE**...

- ✓ And straightway **many were gathered together**, insomuch that there was no room...
Mark 1:45; 7:24; Luke 2:7; 18:35-38; Acts 2:6

Luke 2:7 – And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

- ✓ And **He preached the word unto them**...
Psalm 40:9; Isaiah 61:1-3; Jonah 3:2; Luke 4:18, 19; 9:60; Acts 16:6; Romans 10:8, 15; 2 Timothy 4:2

2 Timothy 4:2 – Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

NOTE When Jesus was in the womb, "*there was no room*" for Him. When Jesus came to preach the word, "*there was no room*" because so many people wanted to be where He was. There ought to be no room in our church **because we are making so much noise about Jesus!**

2. When Jesus saw **their FAITH**, He said unto **the sick of the palsy**...

- ✓ And **they come** unto him, **BRINGING ONE** sick of the palsy, which was borne of four...
Luke 15:1-10; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Colossians 1:28; Mark 16:15

Luke 15:7, 10 – I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance...Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

- ✓ And when they **could not come nigh unto him** for the press, they uncovered the roof...
Matthew 9:1; Luke 5:18; Jude 1:22, 23

Luke 5:18 – And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

- ✓ When Jesus **saw their faith**, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee...
Genesis 22:12; Ephesians 2:8, 9; 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 4; James 2:18-22

1 Thessalonians 1:3 – Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

NOTE O how we need to hear from the Holy Spirit of God today. It is time for you to go out of your way to bring someone to Jesus this week. Lead them to the cross. Invite them to church. **Jesus Christ will do His part when we, by faith, do our part to bring them to Him!**

3. But there were **certain** of the scribes **SITTING there**, and **reasoning in their hearts...**

- ✓ Certain religious people were **sitting and watching** the four bring someone to Jesus...
Luke 5:21, 22; Proverbs 21:25; 6:6-11; 20:4; 22:13; 24:30-34; 26:13; 16; Matthew 25:26; Ecc 11:6

Proverbs 21:25 – The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Proverbs 20:4 – The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

- ✓ Jesus **knew their thoughts** and called them out on their rebellion against Him...
1 Chronicles 29:17; Matt 9:4; Luke 5:22; 6:8; John 6:64; 21:17; Heb 4:13; Ps 139:2; Prov 24:9; Acts 8:22

John 6:64 – But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

- ✓ Jesus **wanted all of them** to **KNOW** that He had power on earth to forgive sins...
Matthew 9:6-8; John 5:20-27; Acts 5:31; 1 Timothy 1:13-16

1 Timothy 1:13-15 – Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

NOTE Jesus Christ **knows your thought life**, and **He is your Judge**. Does that cause you to fear God? It sure ought to! Today, Jesus wants you to know He has the power to forgive sins. No matter what you have done, He **CAN** forgive you. You must repent of your sinful way, and put your faith in Him as your only Hope and Saviour. **Come to Him before it is too late!**

❖ Personal Application

- What did God say to you through His Word today? Obey Him. **Give Him more glory this week!**

A TIME OF DECISION

There are no coincidences with God. You were here today to hear a message **from God...**

❖ **Unbeliever**, listen to the voice of your conscience **right now**.

* The Bible says you must **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead**. You must turn to God and trust Christ alone to save you from God's wrath to come.