



WEEK 2: WEEK OF MARCH 1

The closer people got to Jesus, the more their life was changed. Every encounter Jesus had with people impacted them. We are going to look at a series of encounters Jesus had through the gospel of Mark...and how they made a difference.

1. What part of this week's message stood out most with you?
2. Describe a time when you got something that was very different than what you needed or wanted?
3. How would you describe one of your greatest needs in your life right now?
4. Read Mark 2:1-5. What impresses you the most about the four friends in the story?
5. The man obviously was brought for healing. Why did Jesus first bring up the whole issue of sin and forgiveness?
6. How have you experienced Jesus' saying to you personally that "your sins are forgiven" (v. 5)? What freedom has that brought to you?
7. Read Mark 2:6-12. Why were the teachers of the law upset when Jesus offered the paralytic man forgiveness? Do you identify more with the paralytic, his friends, or the teachers? Why?
8. Why did Jesus heal the man's paralysis, even though He had already treated the more important problem of his spiritual health?
9. What do we learn about Jesus from this miracle?
10. What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?

NEXT STEPS:

- If you have not taken the step of baptism, you will have an opportunity on March 29th. You can sign up here: <https://movementfindlay.com/baptism>
- Continue to engage in the Encounter Daily Journey. How can you support each other on this journey?
- You can go further into understanding the Gospel of Mark using this resource: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/mark/>

