

THE PARALYTIC

Mark 2:1-12

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STUDY QUESTIONS

- Why is forgiveness presented as the man's greatest need (2:5)? What does this reveal about Jesus' priorities, and how does it challenge the way we tend to think about our own greatest needs? Is there an area of your life where you've been asking God primarily to change your circumstances rather than your heart?
- Mark notes that Jesus "saw their faith" before forgiving the paralytic (2:5). In what ways did the faith of the four friends become visible through their actions? How should this passage shape our understanding of the relationship between genuine faith and faithful obedience? Do we have friends that will carry us to Jesus when we are hurting?
- The scribes correctly recognized that only God can forgive sins, yet they rejected Jesus' claim (2:6-10). How can theological knowledge become disconnected from genuine faith? Do we have any rigid religious views that keep us from loving God and others?
- The crowd witnessed an undeniable miracle and responded with amazement and praise (Mark 2:12). Yet Jesus later rebuked Capernaum for failing to repent despite witnessing many mighty works (Luke 10:13-15). What is the difference between being impressed by Jesus and being transformed by Him? How can we guard against settling for admiration without obedience?
- Throughout this passage, every group responds differently to Jesus—the four friends with faith, the paralytic with dependence, the scribes with skepticism, and the crowd with amazement. Do you believe that Jesus can forgive your sin? Do we believe that Jesus can heal? Have you come to Jesus for forgiveness and healing? What are we doing to bring people to Jesus?

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