

# Signs of the Messiah

#### Mark 2:1-12



#### 1 When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.





8 Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?



9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'?

10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — He said to the paralytic,

# 11 "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home."



#### Christ 1, 8-11

- Message is gathering people
- Christ is staying with Peter in Capernaum
- Galilee and in Judea Bethany
- After John's arrest return to Galilee
- Preaching & Healing Mark 1



#### **3** categories under the curse of sin: - Angelic (Satan & demons) - Earthly (physical and spatial) - Living beings (illness, malformity, death)

#### "Christ's miracles were not the suspension of the natural order but the restoration of the natural order." Tim Keller



#### 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.



#### Crowd 2

- Crowds gathered spectacle!
- Jesus desire was the Gospel
- •1:1"The beginning of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ"
- He was speaking they were watching
  ARE YOU LISTENING? WATCHING?



"Miracles are a retelling in small *letters of the very same story* which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see." C.S. Lewis



# 3 And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men.



#### 5 And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

#### Isa 35:6 "Then the lame will leap like a deer" Luke 17:22 "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

receive sight, the lame walk"



Crippled 3,5

- No idea of illness or injury
- Not called a 'beggar'
- Active friends enough to carry him
  CONDITIONS OF SIN IN ALL LAME?



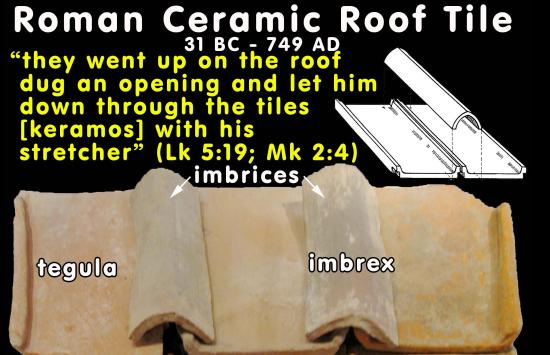
"The God who made the rules that govern the universe also has the authority to set them aside. And on occasion He has if it was necessary to serve His purposes." **Billy Graham** 



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4 Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.





Flat roof? Little pitch Lowest at rear

tegulae "Your sins are forgiven" www.bible.ca/synagogues "Only God forgives sin"

#### Carriers 3,4

- Determined to see Jesus
- Gave up themselves for friend
- Message over Miracle!
   WHAT ARE WE DOING TO BRING OTHERS?



#### "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Albert Einstein



#### 6 But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,



#### 7 "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"



#### Critics 6,7

- Blasphemy? Only if untrue!
- They were correct 'only God'
- They were limited 'reasoning in their heart'
- IDIOT = within oneself
- DO NOT LIMIT GOD TO YOUR MIND!



"Since man cannot live without miracles, he will provide himself with miracles of his own making. He will believe in witchcraft and sorcery, even though he may otherwise be a heretic, an atheist, and a rebel." Fyodor Dostoyevsky <u>The Brothers Karamazov</u>



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# 11 "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home."

12 And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE



#### Cured 12

- Crowd to much to get in he got out!
- Guess who he went to thank!
- Purpose of miracles not just to amaze
- Power over consequences = power to redeem!



"Miracles are not contrary to nature but only contrary to what we know about nature." Augustine



#### Only God can forgive sin -Only God can forgive your sin -Only God can save body & soul! ONLY ONE GOSPEL



