

Mark 2:1-12 “And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And 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. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ 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?” ⁸ 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? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But 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, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² 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!”

Luke 5:17 “On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.”

Matthew 13:53-58 “And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, ⁵⁴ and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” ⁵⁸ And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.”

Philippians 2:5-6 “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,...

Lessons to learn from Mark 2:1-12

1. Remove the roof
2. Your sins are forgiven
3. Pick up your mat and walk
4. Strength to obey
5. Jesus saw their faith
6. Creative evangelism



1. REMOVE THE ROOF

- Unbelief
- Pride
- Lack of perspective — eternal vs temporal

2. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

- Sin = Separation (1 John 2:15-17)
- Those who practice iniquity
- Restoration = Transformation

3. PICK UP YOUR MAT AND WALK

- We are empowered to work out our salvation (Philippians 2:12-15)
- Our free will works with God's perfect will (Mark 9:23)
- We are not left as orphans (John 14:18)

4. STRENGTH TO OBEY

- Obedience equals love (John 3:36)
- Faith without works is dead (James 2:17)
- To obey is better than sacrifice (1 Sam. 15:22)

5. JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH

- Jesus recognizes our faith (Matthew 15:27)
- Faith pleases God (Hebrews 11:6)
- Jesus marveled at his faith (Luke 7:9)

6. CREATIVE EVANGELISM

- Determination produces creativity
- Circumstances do not dictate evangelism
- What roof needs to be torn off in your life?

Every one of us has a roof in our life. Today we say Jesus, help me tear off the ROOF!

