

*The King Has Come: Jesus Fulfills God's Plan*

The King that Forgives

Mark 2:1-12; Isaiah 33:20-24

**Introduction:**

**Thesis:** Jesus' authority to forgive sins fulfills Isaiah 33, revealing Him as the King who saves and forgives, fulfilling the Law, calling us to follow Him.

**The Old Testament Promise of a Forgiving King**

Isaiah 33:20-24

*<sup>20</sup> Look at Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed settlement, A tent which will not be folded; Its stakes will never be pulled up, Nor any of its ropes be torn apart. <sup>21</sup> But there the majestic One, the Lord, will be for us A place of rivers and wide canals On which no boat with oars will go, And on which no mighty ship will pass—<sup>22</sup> For the Lord is our judge, The Lord is our lawgiver, The Lord is our king; He will save us—<sup>23</sup> Your ship's tackle hangs slack; It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, Nor spread out the sail. Then the prey of an abundant spoil will be divided; Those who limp will take the plunder. <sup>24</sup> And no resident will say, "I am sick"; The people who live there will be forgiven their wrongdoing.*

**The Text:** Isaiah prophesies a King who saves and forgives sins, fulfilling the Law's demand for atonement.

**The Lesson:** God's redemptive plan includes a Messiah who forgives.

**Application:** Trust Jesus, the King, to forgive your sins.

**Jesus Fulfills the Promise**

Mark 2:1-12

*<sup>1</sup> When Jesus came back to Capernaum a few days later, it was heard that He was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer space, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And some people came, bringing to Him a man who was paralyzed, carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and after digging an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralyzed man was lying. <sup>5</sup> And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> But some of the scribes were sitting there and thinking it over in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God alone?" <sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were thinking that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you thinking about these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralyzed man, <sup>11</sup> "I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet, and go home." <sup>12</sup> 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!"*

**The Text:** Jesus' forgiveness and healing demonstrate His authority to fulfill the promises of Isaiah and the Law through His atoning work.

**The Lesson:** Jesus' ministry reveals Him as the King who forgives.

**Application:** Follow Jesus and trust in His forgiveness.

### **Conclusion**

**Summary:** Jesus' forgiveness and healing fulfill the promises of Isaiah and reveals Him as the King who alone can save!