

A photograph of five Advent candles in shades of purple and white, arranged in a row. The first, second, and fifth candles are lit, with their flames visible. The background is dark with warm, out-of-focus light spots. In the foreground, there are festive winter decorations including pine branches, red berries, and pinecones.

# HEALING

**ADVENT SERMON SERIES**



**A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

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**ISAIAH 40:3**



**And when He returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> 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.**

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**MARK 2: 1-4**



**<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup> 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?”**

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**MARK 2: 5-8**



**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!”**

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**MARK 2: 9-12**



**Advent reminds us  
that we need  
community**

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**18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

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**MATTHEW 28:18-19**



**Advent is God  
doing the  
unexpected**

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**5 And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”**

**MARK 2: 5**

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