

**C'ms 2015-Author to frgve sin—Mk 2**  
 >>**Well—Merry (ALMOST) C'mas to U!!**  
 >>U know—when I was growing up as a  
 Jwsh boy in Portsmouth, VA  
 \***Even I knew** wht C'mas was abt  
 \*I knew it was ab J cming into the wrld  
 >>**BUT**—if U'd've askd me:"Coming into  
 the wrld fr **wht?** Comng into the wrld  
 with wht **message?**"-**cldn't've told ya!**  
 >>>>I clda told U wht **Dr. MLK Jr's** msg  
 was: "**equality fr all pple by non-**  
**violent means**  
 >>>>I clda told U wht **M. Teresa's** msg  
 was: "**The poor c'ren of wrld matter**"  
 >>>**But J's message?? I had NO CLUE!**  
 >>**This** is wht we want to tlk ab tdy  
 >>**Tht vry 1<sup>st</sup> C'mas Day--J** entered the  
 wrld...carrying **a vry distinctive msg**  
 for **U/me/every prsn on erth**  
 >>>>**The Q** is...."**What was it?**"  
 >>>>**& HERE'S THE ANSWER:**  
 >>The most distinctive msg J proclaimed  
 when he was here on carth = tht "**He**  
**has the authority to frgive our sins**"  
 >>>>In fct, this=is **B's mst distnctve msg**

> The central msg of B has nothng to do w/noble ethics or good prin's fr livng

>>>> The central message of B...is tht...

\*Gd is offrng to frgve our sins

\*But **ONLY** thru J & wrk on crss fr us

> So let's do wht we said-- & talk abt this

[READY??]

## I- PASSAGE MARK 2

A.V. 1-“Whn J returned to Capernaum several days later, it was heard tht He was at home. **MAP(mstry HQ's)**

B. V. 2-“& immediately, many pple gathered together there, so tht there was no more room to receive thm, not even near the doorway. & J was speaking the Word to them.”

C. V. 3-“& they (**four men**) came to J, carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. But they were unable to get close to Him on account of the crowd

D. V. 4-“So, being unable to get to J bec of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him. & whn they had dug an opening, they let dwn the pallet upon which the paralyzed man was lying.”

TITLE  
SLIDE

1. In J's day, roofs in Galilee were flat so pple cld sit and enjoy the *cool breezes* coming off Sea of Galilee
  2. & had *stairways* goin up on outside
  3. & *SO-huffing & puffing & straining & sweatin---* these men painstkn'gly hoisted their friend onto roof...
  4. Chopped a *hole* in the roof...
  5. & when it was all over, here's this paralyzed man.. *lying* at J's feet!
- E. V 5- "Whn J saw their faith (which, O BTW, wasn't hard to see!), He said to the paralyzed man, 'Son, yur sins are forgiven U'"
- F. V. 6- "But sme of the scribes (*rabbis who were esp'lly trained in OT*) were sitting there & reasoning in their hrts, 'Why does this man speak blspemy? **[SAY 7 WRDS] Who can forgive sins but God alone?**'"
1. **Hey PTL--R's got smthng RIGHT!**
  2. ***ONLY GOD ...CAN...* forgive sins**
  3. ***THE PROB* = these guys didn't *recognize Gd...* when He was *standing...* right in front of thm!**

**SRY'S NOT OVR-HRE COMES BEST PRT**

G. V. 8-“& imed’ly, aware in His spirit tht they were reasoning this way within themselves, J said to thm, ‘Why do U reason abt these thngs in yur hrt?’”

II. V. 9(J)-“Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed man, ‘Yur sins are frgiven’: or to say to him, ‘Arise, pick up yur pallet, & walk’?”

1. *Folks--which is easier to say?*

2. Well--much easier to say "Yur sins are forgiven"—**RIGHT??**

IL:I mn-THINK NOW-I cld wlk up to U in lobby tdy & say: “Yur sins are frgivr U”

\*U:“Thnks Lon--really appreciate tht”

\*But hw cld U evr be sure if it = true?

APL:**HWEVR**—if I walk up to a paralyzed man in lobby & say: “Pick up yur wheelchair & walk”

\*In ab 10 sec’s--we’re all gonna knw whthr I can really do this

\***PT:much easier to say** “Yur sins are frgvrn”--**BEC**--nobody can prove if it’s true or NOT!

**[OK-we all undr J’s pt, rght? WATCH]**

- J. V 10-“**BUT**--so tht U may **KNOW**...tht the Sn of Man(**I..Je**)has **AUTHORITY** on erth to forgive sins—J said to the paralyzed man—‘I say to U, “Arise, take up yur pallet & go to yur house.’”
- K. V.11-“& [**SAY**] **IMMED’LY**, the man arose, & took up his pallet, & went out before them all; so tht they were all amazed, & glorified Gd, saying, ‘We nvr saw *anything* like this’”
- L. No atrophy! No weakness! No frailty
- M. Hey—whn J *heals ya*—heals ya **right!**
- N. **& U knw wht?** I’ll betcha tht fella had no trble gettin’ aisele to walk **outa** thre

## **II- SO WHAT?**

- A. **LISTEN**: The main pt here in Mk 2... is **not** tht Jcsus **healed** this man
- B. The main pt...is what J **PROVED** by healing this man
1. **Wht He proved**: that **He HAS the authority** to forgive pple’s sins...
  2. **Yur sins/my sins/evrybdy’s sins**
  3. Who’ll trust Him as their Lrd&Sav
- C. **& WHY IS THIS??**
1. Bec(as rabbis) He **IS** “God alone”

[& letme shwU wht *kinda* frgvns J offr] D. The **VERB** J uses Mk 2:5—"Son, yur sins are *forgiven* U" is very descriptive

1. Gk—"Aphiamei"

2. Lit: "to dismiss...remove...*cancel*"

ILLUST: It's like erasing a blackboard & then wiping it with a wet towel

\*Whtevr was there = *totally gone*

APPL: **THIS** (B says) is hw *J* forgives sin!

**[BUT THERE'S MORE!]**

E. The **TENSE** of verb J uses here is also *extremely impt*= Gk *perfect tense*

1. Gk pfct tense is *rarely used* in NT

2. So when J uses it here in Mk 2—it's intentional **AND** significant

**[MNY HEARD ME TLK BFRE-REVIEW]**

3. Gk pfc tense indicate a completed action—the *results* of whch go on & on & on unchanged into infinity

## 7. **DIAGRAM**

8. So--wht J really said to man: "Son, yur sins **have been** forgiven, **are now** forgiven, & **will remain** forgiven--*for all of eternity!*"

F. So—the kind of frgvncss tht J offr us

1. Is an absolute, total, permanent,  
eternal *dismissal of our sins* in  
**Gd's judicial sight**

ILLUST: Whn miss's 1<sup>st</sup> went to Eskimos

\*& tried to translate B/explain Gspl

\*They ran into **a big problem**

\*Bc Eskimos had no wrd fr "frgivnss"

\*& yet, "forgiveness" is the *central*  
*theme* of B!

\*Eventually, hwevr--miss's discoverd  
 Eskimo phrase: "**I-SU-MA-GI-JU-**  
**JUNG-NA-E-NER-MUK**"

\*Mns: "**Not being able to think abt**  
**it anymore**"

\*& *this* is the phrase they used to  
 translate "forgiveness"

AP: Look—as pple--we *forgive*—but none  
 of us ever fully *forget*

\*Our hn minds jst don't wrk this way

\*I mght not *retaliate* fr wht U did to me  
 —but I still *remember* it!

\*B says-tht whn **Gd** forgives(Hb 8:12)  
 "I will remember their sins [**SAY**]  
**NO MORE AGAIN...AGAIN!**

G. My frnds—*this* is the great news of B

- 1.Ps 103:12-“As far as the E is from the W, so far has Gd removed our sins from us”
- 2.Micah 7:19-“Gd casts all of our sins into the depths of the sea”
- 3.THIS=wht J did fr this pralyzd man
- 4.THIS=wht J offr to U/me/evry psn
- H. He offers to "I-SU-MA-GI-JU-JUNG-NA-E-NER-MUK" our sins!!
- [ONCE THAT'S DONE—LOOK WHAT ELSE COMES WITH IT]**
- K. Phil 3:20-Gd transfrs our “citiznship” from earth to “HEAVEN”
- L. Phil 4:3-Gd writes our names the Bk of Life(names of all pple goin to hvn)
- M.Eph 1:13-“Gd seals us wth the prmisd HS, who is the guarantee of our inheritance (ie, in hvn), until we acquire [actual] possession of it”
- N. **SAID THIS EARLIER—PLSE DON'T MISS IT**: Gd makes this offer to us only thru JC
- 1.Jn 3:36-“He who blvs in the Sn(ie,LJ)



has eter life; he who does not blve in the Sn will not see (eternal) life, but the wrath of Gd rests on him”

2.& Rv 21:27 says(tht the only pple who get into hvn are those)“whose names are written in Lamb’s Book of Life”

\*Whch (Phil 4:3) only hppns to pple

\*Whn they give lives to Christ!

SALV: Acts 4:12-“Fr thre is salv in noone else; for there is no other name, under hvn, given among men, by which we can be saved”

\***Beg U—plead with U—don’t miss the whole purpose of Chrstmas**

## CONCLUSION

>>>>U know—I was on my knees this wk praying...calling out to Gd...cry

SAY: “Why the tears?”

A: Well bec—I got troubles/pains/fears

\*I got prb’s tht—on the hmn level—look totally unsolvable

\*JUST LIKE U DO

\*& smetimes—they overwhelm me

>>The Lrd said 2 thngs to me so clearly

>>>**SAID #1**-“Lon, hve I EVER failed U?”

\*”**Doesn’t B say** (Ps 9:10)-“Fr U, O Lrd, hve nvr forsaken those who seek U”

\*Gd:“& fr 45yrs, hvn’t I done this frU

\*”Have I ever let U sink—evn when U yrslf were respon fr trble U were in!

\*”Now-tke up the shield of faith(E 6)

\*”Faith in my promises”

\*”& rem wht I said to Josh(Josh 1:9)-

“Do not fear or be dismayed, fr(I) the Lrd yur Gd is w/U whrvr U go

>>& this=Gd’s wrd to U too, my Chr frnd

**[BUT WAIT—LRD SAID ONE MORE...**

>>>**SAID #2**-“Hey Lon—Merry C’mas”

\*”& don’t forget what tht means”

\*Tht I came into the world to "**I-SU-**

**MA-GI-JU-JUNG-NA-E-NER-**

**MUK**"yur sins

\*& to write nme in Lmb’s Bk of Lfe

\*& to transfer yur citizship to hvn

\*& to seal U w/HS as My persnal

guarantee tht U're goin to hvn

\*Where U're gonna spend 10

million yrs--not just 67!!

>>>"Lon--I'll get U thru this wrld"

>>>"In mntime-don't U lose sight of hvn

\*Lk 10:17-"Then the 70 returned with joy & said, 'Lrd, even the demons are subject to us in Yur name."

\*V. 20(J)-"Do not rejoice in this, tht the demons are subject to U, but rather rejoice bcc yur names are writtn in hvn"

## & AS F, THIS SAME WORD OF HOPE BELONGS TO U

\*So long as U're headed fr heaven...

\*So lng as yur name's "wrtten in the Lamb's Book of Life" ...

\*So long as Gd has "I-SU-MA-GI-JU-JUNG-NA-E-NER-MUK"--ed yur sins

\*No mtr wht else may be going wrng

\*Hey—it's a Merry C'mas!!