

FORGIVENESS IS HEALING

MARK 2:1-12

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I. Jesus _____ the paralytic man on
the basis of _____. (2:1-5)

II. Jesus _____ the scribes'
skepticism with a _____ worth
pondering. (2:6-9)

III. Jesus _____ the paralytic man to prove
He has _____ to forgive sins. (2:10-12)

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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!"

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One great way to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1. Jesus prioritized preaching and teaching the Word as primary in his ministry. How should this principle guide the ministries within the church? How does it translate to ministry in your home?
2. These four friends along with the paralytic demonstrate faith through their persistence in finding a way to Jesus. Can you identify ways in which your faith demonstrates persistence in your pursuit of Christ? Are there actions that you need to take to pursue him better?
3. Jesus forgives this man on the basis of faith. How does this story illustrate justification by faith alone in Christ alone?
4. Jesus responds to the critics with a profound question. Which is truly the greater miracle, the physical healing of the paralytic or the spiritual healing of forgiveness? How does Jesus use this miracle to prove his true identity?
5. How should we as Christians seek physical healing in this life by faith in God's power? How do we do this while also trusting in his providence?