

Mark 2: 1-5, 10-12

Deaf Church

"Lame Man Carried on Four"

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## 1. Introduction

- a. Context: paralyzed ~~be~~ man on pallet
- paralyzed man has 4 friends
  - they bring him to Jesus but they cannot enter the door
  - crowd too large
  - they break hole in the roof
  - they lowered the pallet through the hole in the roof

b. Dramatic entry while Jesus preaching

- c. Jesus saw the faith of the 4 men lowering the pallet bed
- friends make a difference
  - friends demonstrated their living faith by bringing man to Jesus
  - actions "speak" very loud

d. Jesus speaks to paralyzed man

- Jesus calls him "son" (like being one of God's children)
- "Your sins are forgiven."

e. Religious leaders objected

- \* in their view, no man can forgive sins
- \* only God can forgive sins

f. Jesus speaks to scribes

- Jesus knew their ~~inner~~ inner thinking
- "Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins," says Jesus

## 2. Jesus saw their faith

a. Whose faith?

- the men who brought paralyzed man

b. Actions have consequences

- God sees motivations of the heart
- God shows the inner heart to persons involved
- God shows others the inner heart

### 3. Jesus deals with sin first

- a. Problem with sin
  - sin prevents God from meeting with mankind
  - human asks God for forgiveness
  - God always accepts the request
- b. Jesus gives the words, "Your sins are forgiven"
- c. Paralyzed was first willing to come with his friends to see Jesus
  - man agreed with his friends to see Jesus

### 4. Jesus deals with other's doubts (vs. 6-10)

- a. Jesus sets His response
  - "Your sins are forgiven."
  - Jesus declares His power
- b. Scribes (religious leaders) shocked
  - they think Jesus is only a man
  - they conclude Jesus is speaking blasphemy
- c. Jesus exposes their thinking
  - they didn't say anything out loud
  - but Jesus said, "Why do you think... in your hearts?"
- d. Jesus sets up dilemma of easy or difficult
  - Sins forgiven?
  - Take up bed & walk?
- e. Jesus shows His power on earth
  - "Take up your bed & walk."
- f. Jesus shows His power from heaven
  - "Your sins are forgiven."
- g. Jesus simply informs the scribes
  - "... that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins..."

### 5. Conclusion

- no ~~the~~ other prophet in all scripture ever forgave sins
- also see Mt 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26