

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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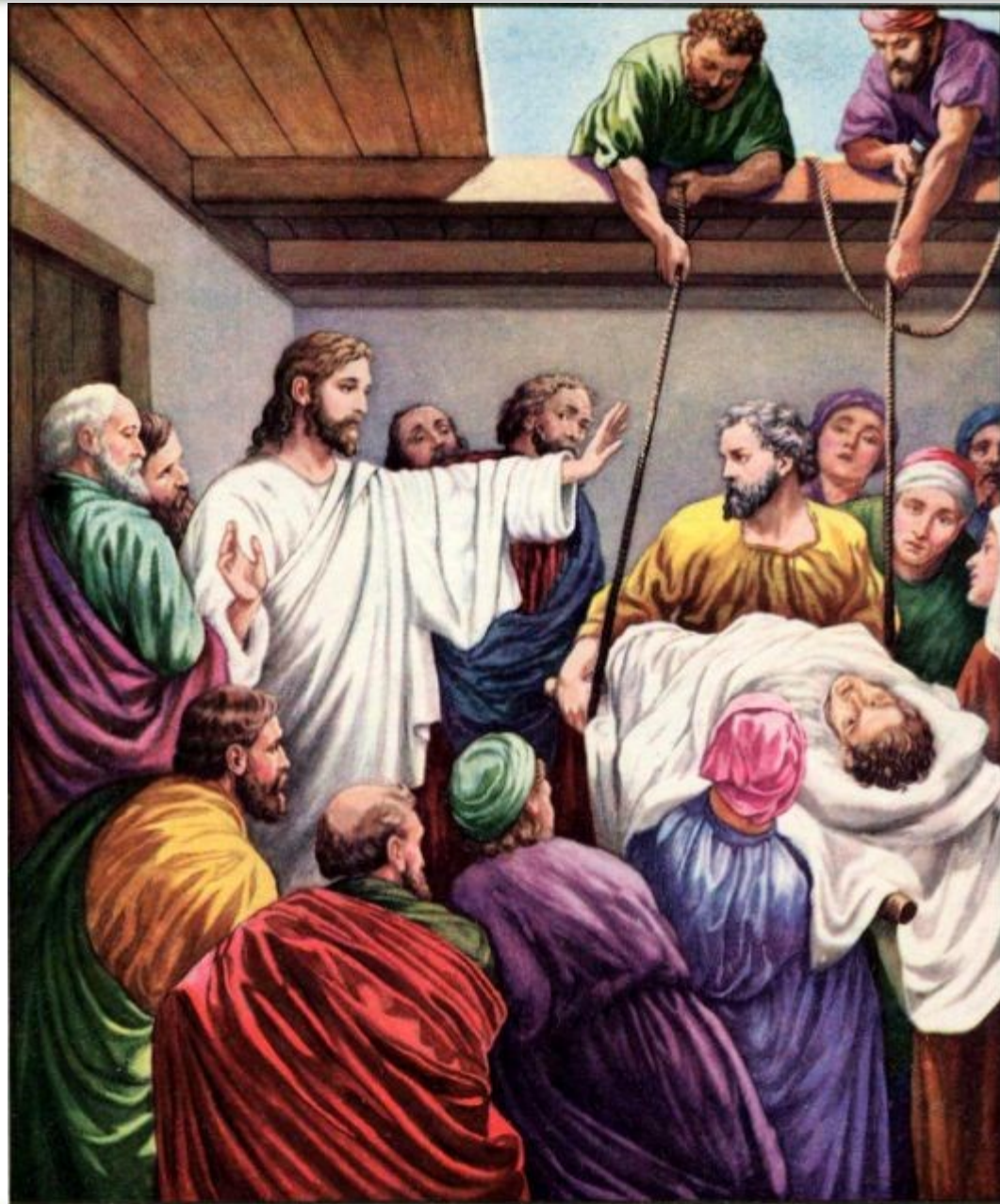
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FOLLOWING JESUS



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**Mark 2:1 And when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward , it was heard that He was at home .<sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together , so that there was no longer room , even near the door ; and He was speaking the word to them.<sup>3</sup> And they came , bringing to Him a paralytic , carried by four men .<sup>4</sup> And being unable to get to Him because of the crowd , they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying .<sup>5</sup> And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic , "My son , your sins are forgiven ." <sup>6</sup> But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts ,<sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak that way ? He is blaspheming ; who can forgive sins but God alone ?" <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus , aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves , said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts ? <sup>9</sup> "Which is easier , to say to the paralytic , 'Your sins are forgiven '; or to say , 'Arise , and take up your pallet and walk '? <sup>10</sup> "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins "-- He said to the paralytic --<sup>11</sup> "I say to you, rise , take up your pallet and go home ." <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all ; so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God , saying , "We have never seen anything like this."**

## Mark 2:1-12 Overview

- ❑ Jesus' Messianic/Kingdom *authority*
- ❑ Jesus' Messianic/Kingdom authority attested by God with *miracles*
- ❑ *Faith* that is worthy of the Kingdom of God
- ❑ Impact of the Master Teacher

# Jesus' Messianic/Kingdom Authority

- Jesus *taught* with authority
- Jesus has authority over the *evil spirit world*
- Jesus has authority over disease**
- Jesus has authority to forgive sins**
- Jesus has authority over the Sabbath, Temple
- Jesus has authority over death

## Jesus' Authority demonstrated by His miracles

- Nature miracles**
- Exorcisms (cf. Matt. 12:28)**
- Healings**
- Raising the dead**

## Disease in NT times

- Disease brought social alienation
- Disease brought economic deprivation
- Disease brought religious ostracization
- Sin and Disease were often viewed as cause and effect (cf. John 9:2)
- Disease was viewed as a binding by Satan (cf. Luke 13:16)

## Jesus' authority to heal

- ❑ Jesus' healings were divine appointments (cf. Luke 13:32)
- ❑ Jesus' healings were prophesied credentials of the Messiah (cf. Matt. 11:3-5; Mark 6:52)
- ❑ Miraculous healings were the dawning of the Kingdom of God (cf. Luke 10:9)

## Jesus' authority to forgive sins

- ❑ Jesus conquered impurity rather than running from it
- ❑ Healing the outside was symptomatic of healing on the inside
- ❑ Forgiveness of sins is man's greatest need (Luke 10:20)

# Faith that is worthy of the Kingdom of God

- Owning one's need**
- Bringing others to Christ**
- Undeterred by obstacles**

## Mark 2:1-12 IMPACT

- ❑ Jesus *impacted* the paralytic and his friends with a passion to pursue
- ❑ Jesus *impacted* the scribes to indignation
- ❑ Jesus *impacted* the crowd to amazement

## Mark 2:1-12 IMPACT on ME

- Who is on the throne of my heart?
- Who is the Supplier of my needs?
- How am I engaged in the Kingdom of God?