

Scripture Reference: Mark 2:2-12

Lesson #1

Theme: Jesus has authority to forgive sins.

Outline:

Observation	Interpretation	Application
<p>Q1: Jesus, the crowd, 4 men, the paralytic, scribes</p> <p>Q2: A house in Capernaum</p> <p>Q3: He was teaching a crowd when 4 men brought a paralytic to Jesus. Jesus healed the man. Some scribes were upset when Jesus said that the man's sins were forgiven. Jesus showed them that he had authority to forgive sins by healing the man.</p> <p>Q4: They are paralyzed meaning they can't move some or all of their body under their own power.</p> <p>Q5: It would have been very difficult if not impossible based on what body part was paralyzed.</p>	<p>Q6a: His friends were caring, bold, willing to take a chance to help, they were men of faith, men of action.</p> <p>Q6b: Because they loved their friend and they believed that Jesus could heal him.</p> <p>Q6c: The faith of the 4 men.</p> <p>Q7: Because that was the best gift that He could have offered. It was better to forgive sin than heal.</p> <p>Q8: Who has the authority to forgive sins but God alone? This would have been blasphemy to them because Jesus was making himself equal with God.</p> <p>Q9: When He perceived the thoughts of their hearts.</p> <p>Q10: It would be easier to say your sins are forgiven because there would be no outward sign. God had provided many ways for men to obtain forgiveness of sin. The priests, the temple, the sacrifice.</p> <p>Q11: Sin limits us, sin keeps us from doing the things that we should.</p> <p>Q12: A dead man, dead to the joys of life. Spiritually dead in his sin.</p> <p>Q13: Christ heals us from our sin and makes us alive.</p>	<p>Q14c: Evangelize, share their burdens, and tell them about the great physician. Persist in sharing never give up on them.</p> <p>Q14b: the don't believe in God – Speak to them about His natural law, His creation, the common thread of morality...</p> <p>They don't trust the Bible – Speak to them about the archeological evidences, the prophetic evidences, inspiration...</p> <p>Q15: Supply their physical and emotional needs.</p> <p>Q16: Prayer, Street Evangelism, Door-to-door evangelism, relationship evangelism...</p>

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