

Jesus' Power to Forgive Sin and Its Impact: Forgiveness of Sin

Mark 02:01–12

(Mt. 9:1-8; Lk. 5:17-26)

1 *The setting:*

Jesus returned to Capernaum many months later

- a. Jesus had returned home
- b. Crowds heard and flooded the house immediately
- c. Jesus preached the Word

2 *The prerequisite to being forgiven*

- a. Coming to Jesus
- b. Possessing a sincere, desperate faith in Jesus' power — a faith that will not quit

3 *The reality of being forgiven*

- a. Jesus saw faith
- b. Jesus forgave sins

4 *The question aroused by being forgiven*

- a. The religionists reasoned
- b. The religionists questioned: Who has the power to forgive?

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them.

4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,

7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<p>5 <i>The source of being forgiven</i></p> <p>a. Jesus revealed that He knew the hearts of men</p> <p>b. Jesus revealed His God-like wisdom and fearlessness</p> <p>c. Jesus stated His purpose: To prove His Messiahship, that He is the Son of Man</p> <p>d. Jesus proved that He had the power to forgive sins</p> <p>6 <i>The impact of being forgiven</i></p> <p>a. The man walked before all — forgiven, healed</p> <p>b. The crowds marveled</p> <p>c. The crowds praised God</p>	<p>8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?”</p> <p>9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?</p> <p>10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralytic,</p> <p>11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”</p> <p>12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”</p>
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