

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

How does it feel to be sick?

What does your family do when you or a family member is sick?

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts so we will gladly hear and study your Word. Help us today as we learn how Jesus, Your Son, has power to forgive sins and help in all our needs. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

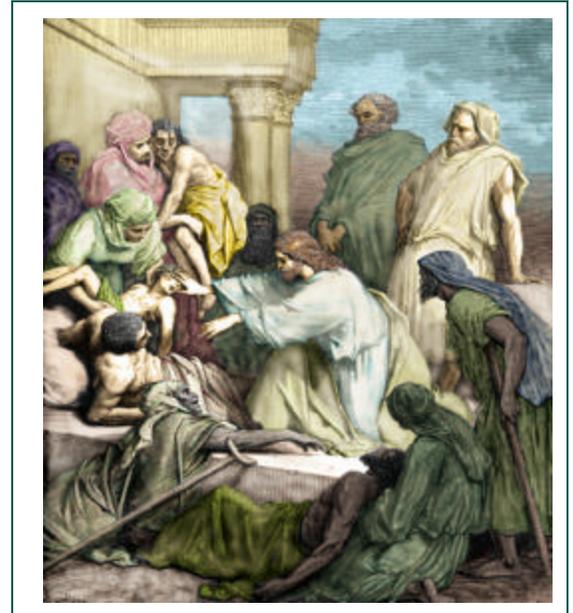
The Story (Mark 2:1-12)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. {2} Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

{3} Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. {4} And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

{5} When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

{6} And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, {7} "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"



{8} But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? {9} "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? {10} "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; He said to the paralytic, {11} "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

{12} Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (Teacher's Note: Older students could also read this story from Matthew 9:1-8.)



Recalling Details

1. In what town did this story take place?
2. How was the paralyzed man able to come to Jesus?
3. Why did they have a problem getting into the room?
4. How did they get the paralyzed man into the room?
5. What did Jesus tell the paralyzed man?
6. Who thought Jesus was speaking blasphemies?
7. Why did the scribes believe Jesus spoke blasphemies?
8. How could Jesus know the thoughts of the scribes?
9. What did Jesus say the Son of Man has power to do?
10. How did the paralyzed man show he was made well?
11. What did the people do after seeing this miracle?

What the Story Tells Us - Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did the four men bring the paralyzed man to Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus say, "Son, your sins are forgiven you," before He made him well?
3. How did Jesus have power to forgive sins?
4. What does He mean when He says, "The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins?"
5. Read Matthew 9:2. Why did Jesus say, "Son, be of good cheer," as He granted the paralyzed man forgiveness of sins?
6. What do we learn from Mark 2:12?

7. Read Matthew 9:8 and John 20:23. What is the power God has given to men?

8. Read 1 Peter 5:7. What does the Lord want us to do?

What God Tells Us

Jesus has the power and authority to forgive sins.

Passages - Read each passage and tell how it applies to you.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.

1 John 1:7 the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Matthew 11:28-29 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give your rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Romans 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Hymn

Look at the Lutheran Hymnal 522 and match the verses to the verses in Mark 2:1-12.

Prayer

Dear Lord, Jesus, You show us through Your Word today Your great power over sin and sicknesses. When our sins trouble us, draw us in faith to You for the forgiveness that You alone can give so that we may find peace and joy through sins forgiven. When sickness comes upon us, give us a patient faith that continues to seek your strength and healing through prayer. When we are healed, may Your name be glorified before those who doubt You. We pray, trusting in Your grace and mercy, Amen.