

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

Mark 2:1-12
(Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26)

- 1 Jesus returned to Capernaum many months later (v.1-2)**
 - a. Jesus was in the house (v.1a)
 - b. Crowds heard and flooded the house immediately (v.1b-2a)
 - c. Jesus preached the Word (v.2b)

- 2 The prerequisite to being forgiven (v.3-4)**
 - a. Coming to Jesus (v.3)
 - b. Possessing a sincere, desperate faith in Jesus' power, a faith that will not quit (v.4)

- 3 The reality of being forgiven (v.5)**
 - a. Jesus saw faith (v.5a)
 - b. Jesus forgave sins (v.5b)

- 4 The question aroused by being forgiven (v.6-7)**
 - a. The religionists reasoned (v.6)
 - b. The religionists questioned: Who has the power to forgive? (v.7)

- 5 The source of being forgiven (v.8-11)**
 - a. Jesus revealed that He knew the hearts of men (v.8)
 - b. Jesus revealed His God-like wisdom and fearlessness (v.9)
 - c. Jesus stated His purpose: To prove His Messiah-ship, that He is the Son of Man (v.10)
 - d. Jesus proved that He had the power to forgive sins (v.11)

- 6 The impact of being forgiven (v.12)**
 - a. The man walked before all—forgiven, healed (v.12a)
 - b. The crowds marveled (v.12b)
 - c. The crowds praised God (v.12c)