

**The Gospel According to Mark
Jesus. Servant. Master.**

Lesson 8

Read Mark 2:1 – 12

Introduction: *Jesus would not heal the body and neglect the soul. He would not remedy a temporal condition, and leave an eternal condition untouched. So He said, “Your sins are forgiven”. The scribes quickly caught on to the significance of the statement. They were well enough trained in Bible doctrine to know that only God can forgive sins. Anyone who professed to forgive sins was therefore claiming to be God. Up to this point their logic was correct. But instead of acknowledging the Lord Jesus to be God, they accused Him in their hearts of speaking blasphemies.*

Believer’s Bible Commentary

1. Jesus came back into Capernaum probably to Peter’s home. I love how Mark describes the presence of Jesus in Mark 2:1, He said, “*Jesus was in the house*”. According to Mark 2:2 what was the result of “*Jesus being in the house*” and what message do you think Jesus preached to them?

2. Compare Mark 2:1 – 12, Matthew 9:1 – 8 and Luke 5:17 – 26. What are the differences in these three accounts?

Mark’s Gospel:

Matthew’s Gospel:

Luke’s Gospel:

3. According to Mark 2:4 what radical action had to be done in order to present this paralyzed man to Jesus? (Compare with James 2:18)
 - How have you participated in a team effort in bringing someone to Jesus? (Explain what happened)

 - What was the response of Jesus according to Mark 2:5? What did Jesus see in these men?

4. According to Mark 2:7–11 what was Jesus' main priority concerning this paralyzed man and what understanding did the scribes come to?

5. What did Jesus have the authority on earth to do?
How do the following Scriptures show God's love and mercy?
 - Luke 7:47 – 50

 - Luke 23:32 – 34

 - Colossians 1:13 – 17

6. According to Mark 2:12 what was the reaction of all who were present?