

“Worth the sacrifice!”

Mark 2:1-12

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“On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.” Luke 5:17 ESV

1.) Jesus preached the word in his hometown! V1-2

- A. As reports came in of Jesus healing those with leprosy a large crowd gathered at Peter's house.
 - a. Some came to hear the life-changing words of the Rabi!
 - b. Others came as skeptics.
 - i. “Some proud religious law-keepers and teachers of the Law were sitting by Him.” Luke 5:17 New Life Version
- B. There was no room in or near the outside of the house!
 - a. Jesus was in the middle of all the people proclaiming the Gospel!
 - i. The main audience was those who thought they didn't need it!

2.) The friends of the paralytic man had to go out of their way to help him be healed! 3-5

- A. They knew the only chance for their friend was to be healed by Jesus!

B. They knew that they risked a lot by bringing their friend to Jesus in the first place, yet now they had a decision to make.

- a. Do they give up?
- b. Do they wait till Jesus leaves?
- c. Do they risk being persecuted by the religious leaders?
- d. Do they risk getting arrested for property damage?
- e. Do they risk embarrassment?

C. They chose to do something unordinary so that Jesus could do something extraordinary!

D. Jesus saw the faith of the friends and healed the man, and in doing so forgave his sins and healed the man! V5

B. The man took up his bed and left. The thing that had held him back no longer had power over him! V11-12

- a. "Sweet saying!" says BENGEL: "The bed had borne the man: now the man bore the bed."
- b. The man didn't question Jesus, but obeyed and went on to spread to others what Jesus had done!
- c. Because of the healing work in this mans life others saw the greatness of Jesus and gave Him praise.

Closing Questions!

3.) Jesus proclaims His authority to heal and forgive. V6-10

"Jesus is Not One of Many Ways To Approach God, Nor is He the Best of Several Ways; He is The Only Way." – A. W. Tozer

- A. The religious leader's first reaction is to question Jesus' motives and intentions instead of giving God glory! V6-7
- B. Jesus proclaims His power and authority on earth and His ability to heal and forgive sins V8-9

4.) Jesus demonstrates His power through a broken vessel. V11-12

A. In Jesus' command to the paralytic man He was showing that there was no amount of brokenness that he couldn't fix or heal and forgive!

- 1.) Are you willing to do what it takes to help others come to know Christ?
- 2.) Do lost people really matter to you and me?
- 3.) Do you feel like you are outside of Jesus being able to heal you?
- 4.) Is Jesus calling you today to follow Him?
- 5.) Is it possible that Jesus might just use your brokenness and story for His glory!