

# BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS

## MARK 2:1-12

Text:

Introduction:

There were four cities that were prominent in the life of the Lord.

Bethlehem – Birth

Nazareth – Grew up there

Jerusalem – Crucifixion and Resurrection

Capernaum – Called His city

**Matthew 9:1**

<sup>1</sup> And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

We will find in our text that Jesus performed a miracle here but it's not about miracles. This miracle illustrates exactly why Jesus performed miracles.

Jesus performed miracles in the Physical realm to illustrate what He could do in the Spiritual realm.

Physical healing is temporary. This man died one day, perhaps 50 years later, but he died.

Spiritual healing – salvation – is eternal. It lasts after death.

Notice:

## **1. THE SICK MAN (VS. 3-5)**

### **Mark 2:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Five times in this passage it tells us that this man had the palsy – He was paralyzed. He couldn't walk. He was crippled.

Jesus said – “Thy sins be forgiven thee.”

## **2. THE SERVANTS (VS. 3, 4)**

### **Mark 2:3-4**

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These men were determined to get their friend to the only One that could help him.

Notice these men had:

- Faith – they believed that Jesus could heal.
- Hope – they knew the Jesus was able to heal
- Love – they had concern and compassion
- Determination – Nothing was going to stand in their way

It's our responsibility to bring people to Jesus.

There were people that day that instead of helping people come to Jesus – were actually hindering People. Whether they realized it or not, they were standing in the way of people coming to Jesus.

### **3. THE SCRIBES (VS. 6-8)**

#### **Mark 2:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? <sup>8</sup>And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

They asked the wrong question but had the right answer.

A. Their Scribes Reasoning

B. The Saviour's Recognition

## 4. THE SAVIOUR (VS. 8-12)

### Mark 2:8-12

<sup>8</sup> And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? <sup>10</sup> But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) <sup>11</sup> I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. <sup>12</sup> And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

A. The Lord's Purpose – But that ye may know

B. The Lord's Power

1. Forgive sin

2. Fix sickness

Close:

The Lord knows all about us. He knows our thoughts, our motives and knows what's in our hearts.

When we do what we can the Lord will work, and when the Lord works; Lives are changed, and God is glorified.