

# Sermon Notes

“Jesus’ Divine Authority to Forgive Sins”

Mark 2:1-12

May 11, 2025

5. What was the point of Jesus’ question (2:9)? How would you answer it?
  
6. In what ways does Jesus’ healing of the paralytic and perception of their inner thoughts answer the questions raised in the minds of the teachers of the law?
  
7. “Authority” shows up again in this story. Where else have we seen the theme of Jesus’ authority so far in this gospel? What “authority” does he claim in this episode?
  
8. What do the details of the story tell you about the paralytic man, his friends, the crowd, and the teachers of the law? What does it reveal about Jesus?
  
9. Who are you most like – the paralyzed man, his friends the crowd, the teachers? Why?

**Let's Pray:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05-11-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 70; Lyman Coleman, et al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 91; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 17-18; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. .

## Getting Started:

1. What is one of the greatest things your friends have ever done for you?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 2:1-12.

2. What motivated Jesus to respond to the paralytic's plight was his friends' faith (2:5). How do the friends show faith? Why do you suppose their faith made such a difference to Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jesus chose to forgive the man's sins before healing him physically? How is God's viewpoint different from ours regarding the forgiveness of sins?
4. The paralytic's friends provide a model of caring. What are some practical ways we can follow their example?