

## **Sermon Notes – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

### **Miracles – the healing of the paralysed man**

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Read Mark 2:1-12

The 4 friends demonstrated 'their faith' by doing everything they could to bring the paralysed man to Jesus. They had complete faith that Jesus could heal him and nothing was going to stop them. They serve as an example to us.

- Do you have such faith in Jesus to do everything you possibly can to bring your friends to him? Would you do something as crazy and socially unacceptable as making a hole in someone's roof, if that is what it took? Have you ever done such a thing?
- P.U.S.H (Pray Until Something Happens) – where do you need to persevere in prayer and keep pressing on towards Jesus?
- Right from the outset, how does Jesus demonstrate his love and care for this man?

Physical healing isn't this man's greatest need. It isn't our greatest need either. Having our sins forgiven is of far greater importance because it is our sins that separate us from God, deny us eternal life and bring us under God's just wrath. In forgiving this man's sin, Jesus gives him a far greater gift than physical healing.

- Why was this declaration of sins forgiven so potentially explosive?
- The teachers of the law were correct in their thinking that only God can forgive sins (Micah 7:18) so why were they unable to accept what Jesus was revealing about himself?
- Why did Jesus use the term 'Son of Man' about himself and how would that be received by his hearers?
- Jesus is often questioned about his authority in the gospel accounts. As well as in his authority to heal, what other ways do we see Jesus' authority demonstrated?
- What authority has he delegated to his followers (Matthew 28:18, Mark 3:14, Luke 10:19)? How does that encourage you/ frighten you?

Jesus bringing physical healing to the man reveals that the initial gift of forgiveness was genuine. Since Jesus can do the visible miracle (heal the paralytic man), it demonstrates that he has the authority to do the invisible miracle (forgive sins). Why is that such good news for us?

Note the response of the people v12. Are you constantly amazed by Jesus?

**Pray for one another to be refreshed in our knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and the forgiveness he won for us at so great a cost.**

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