

Mark 2:1-12

v1 Capernaum	(pn)	a place – see map
v3 paralytic	(n)	a person suffering from paralysis, cannot move part or all of their body
v4 paralyzed	(adj)	unable to move
v5 faith	(n)	belief, trust
v5 sins	(n)	rebellion against God
v5 forgiven	(v)	released from sin and its punishment
v7 fellow	(n)	person
v7 blaspheming	(v)	insulting the honour of God; speaking falsely or insultingly about God
v10 Son of Man	(n)	one of Jesus' favourite ways of referring to himself. It hints at the fact that Jesus is human, and also that he is the one promised beforehand in the book of Daniel who would be appointed by God to rule over everything (see Daniel 7:13-14).

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¹ A few days later, Jesus entered Capernaum again. The people heard that he had come home. ² So many people gathered that there was no room left. There was not even room outside the door. And Jesus preached the word to them. ³ Four of those who came were carrying a man who could not walk. ⁴ But they could not get him close to Jesus because of the crowd. So they made a hole by digging through the roof above Jesus. Then they lowered the man through it on a mat. ⁵ Jesus saw their faith. So he said to the man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶ Some teachers of the law were sitting there. They were thinking, ⁷ "Why is this fellow talking like that? He's saying a very evil thing! Only God can forgive sins!"

⁸ Right away Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Is it easier to say to this man, 'Your sins are forgiven'? Or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So Jesus spoke to the man who could not walk. ¹¹ "I tell you," he said, "get up. Take your mat and go home." ¹² The man got up and took his mat. Then he walked away while everyone watched. All the people were amazed. They praised God and said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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