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Mark 2:1-12

Jesus Healed a Crippled Man

1 A few days later, Jesus went back to the town of Capernaum. The people heard this: “He’s home!” 2 So many people gathered there that there was no room — not even at the door. Jesus was giving them a lesson. 3 There was a man who was paralyzed. Four men came there carrying him. 4 But, because of the crowd, they were not able to get to where Jesus was. So, they went up on the roof of that house. They dug a hole and lowered the paralyzed man through the hole, lying on his bed. 5 Jesus saw that these men believed. He said to the paralyzed man, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

6 Some of the teachers of the law were sitting there. In their hearts they were thinking, 7 “How can this man talk like this? He is saying an evil thing! Only GOD can forgive sins!”

8 Instantly, Jesus knew in his spirit that they were thinking like this to themselves. Jesus said to them, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up, pick up your bed and walk?’ 10 I will prove to you that I have the right to forgive sins on earth.” So, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, 11 “I tell you, stand up! Take your bed and go home!”

12 Immediately the man stood up, picked up his bed, and left in front of all of them. All the people were completely amazed. They began to praise God. They said, “We have never seen such things!”