

Jesus' Power to Forgive Sins

Mark 2:1-22

Key Verse: Mark 2:10

1. Read verses 1-2. How did Jesus serve the crowd in Capernaum this time? Read verses 3-5. How did four men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus? How did Jesus regard their actions? What can we learn from them about faith and friendship?
2. Read verses 5-12. What did Jesus say to the paralytic? Why? What kind of sinner was this man? Why did some Bible teachers doubt Jesus' authority to forgive sins? What did Jesus say and do? How did the crowd respond?
3. Read verses 13-14. How did Jesus meet Levi? What kind of sinner was he? What did Jesus say to him? What did this invitation mean? How did Levi respond? What did he believe about Jesus?
4. Read verses 15-17. How did Levi celebrate his new life? Why were the Pharisees so critical of Jesus and his disciples? What did Jesus say? What can we learn about Jesus here?
5. Read verses 18-22. How and why was the lifestyle of Jesus' disciples different from that of the disciples of John and the Pharisees?
6. What do the parables of the wineskins and the patched garment teach us about the gospel and life of following Jesus?