

JESUS' POWER TO FORGIVE SINS

Mark 2:1-22

Key Verse: 2:10

"But that you may know that [the](#) Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 1-2. Where had Jesus been, and what had he been doing just before? How did people respond when they heard that he had returned to Capernaum? How did he minister to them?
2. Read verses 3-5. Why could the men carrying a paralytic not get to Jesus? What did they do? What did Jesus think about their action? What does this teach us about faith?
3. What do Jesus' words to the paralytic suggest about his real problem? About Jesus' love? How is paralysis like sin? In what respect might he be called a sinner?
4. Read verses 6-12. What did the teachers of the law think about Jesus' words? Why? What did Jesus say? What did he do? What did he teach about himself? How did the people respond?
5. Read verses 13-17. What does Levi's business tell us about him? What was Jesus' invitation? How did Levi respond? Why? How did Levi celebrate his new life? Why did the Pharisees criticize Jesus? How did Jesus answer? What does this mean?
6. Read verses 18-22. Why did some people criticize Jesus' disciples? How did Jesus answer? What does it mean that Jesus is the bridegroom? What other illustration does Jesus give to describe gospel work?
7. How is a disciple of Jesus like new wine and a new patch? How are Pharisees like old wineskins? What does Jesus teach us here?