

# The Gospel of the King

## The Amazing Deep Work of Jesus

<sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

- Mark 2:1-12 (ESV)

### The **big picture**:

The ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (recall Matthew 11:2-5)

The escalation of \_\_\_\_\_ with the Pharisees and scribes

Intentional steps towards \_\_\_\_\_

### The **encounter**:

Jesus is at "home" in Capernaum, presumably at the home of \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ presses in and obstructs access to Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not a measure of \_\_\_\_\_ in Mark's gospel.

Crowds generally demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ at best, or \_\_\_\_\_ at worst.

We never see them turning en masse to Jesus. Instead we see them \_\_\_\_\_.

In a demonstration of great \_\_\_\_\_, four friends take decisive action to get a paralyzed man to Jesus.

The 1st mention of faith in Mark link it clearly to \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus responds to their faith \_\_\_\_\_ and then offers an \_\_\_\_\_ reply:

"Son, your sins are forgiven."

Jesus knows what we must recognize: Our greatest problem is never our \_\_\_\_\_ . It is our \_\_\_\_\_ .

Jesus wants to go \_\_\_\_\_ than our circumstances, deeper than our symptoms. He wants to go to our \_\_\_\_\_ .

Note:

Sin and sickness are \_\_\_\_\_ causal to \_\_\_\_\_ .

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The reaction of the scribes is telling. They immediately get down to the \_\_\_\_\_ root of what Jesus said.

Only the \_\_\_\_\_ can "forgive".

All sin is against \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 3:4; Romans 4:15; James 4:17; Psalm 51:4; Genesis 39:9)

Only \_\_\_\_\_ can forgive sins. (Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 103:3; Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18)

Therefore, Jesus is making an implicit claim to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

Their accusation? \_\_\_\_\_ !

The consequence per the Law? \_\_\_\_\_ ! (Leviticus 24:16)

### The response of Jesus and a difficult question:

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?"

Here, Jesus offers no " \_\_\_\_\_ ", but instead demonstrates in \_\_\_\_\_ healing that He has the power/authority to offer \_\_\_\_\_ healing as well.

Jesus also refers to Himself as " \_\_\_\_\_ ", a title only used of Him by Him.

Why?

### 4 **insights** from this healing encounter:

Jesus rewards \_\_\_\_\_ .

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is often different than we think it is.

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ - able to heal and forgive.

Jesus willingly \_\_\_\_\_ for us.