

Authority to Forgive – Mark 2:1-12

- I. Introduction – “The Gospel of Jesus Christ”
 - a. Good News to the Jew and to the Roman
 - b. Schmuck – Yiddish term meaning one who is stupid or foolish, or an obnoxious, contemptible or detestable person.
 - c. People’s indifference to the Bible

- II. Review – For the gospel of Jesus Christ to be really good news He had to:
 - a. Show His power and authority over _____ and _____.
(Mark 1:21-28)
 - b. Show His power over the effects of the _____ on creation and fall of mankind. (Mark 1:29-45)
 - c. Show His authority to _____. (2:1-12)

Mark 2: 1When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. 2And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. 3And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. 4Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying. 5And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” 6But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7“Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?” 8Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? 9“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’; or to say, ‘Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk’? 10“But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, 11“I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home.” 12And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

- i. Point – Jesus has the authority to forgive sin, which only _____ has the authority to do, so Jesus is _____.
 1. The setting of Mark 2
 2. The surprises of Mark 2
 3. Our greatest need as humans – Forgiveness (Exodus 20; Romans 2:14)

4. God's eagerness to forgive – Acts 13:38; Eph 1:7; Ex 34:6, 7; Neh 9:17; Ps 103:12; Luke 18:13
5. Did Jesus blaspheme God? Pr 17:15; Lev 24:16

ii. Proof –

1. Declared Forgiven - Mark 2:5; Romans 5:1,
2. Proof of Authority - Mark 2:8-12

iii. Picture – Mark 2:10-12

iv. Practice –

1. For Them – Mark 2:12b
2. For Us –
 - a. You need to be _____ of your sins.
 - b. Trust in the power of _____ Word. Mark 2:2, 5, 12; Psalm 29; Psalm 138:2
 - c. Be like Jesus - _____ - v. 10; Philippians 2