

Desperation Mark 2:1-12

The BIG Idea

It's only through _____ that we can have the _____ of _____.

In the House (verses 1-2)

- Jesus has returned to Capernaum following a preaching campaign throughout the region of _____.
- Jesus' _____ is spreading like wildfire following His healing of the leper (Mark 1:40-45).
- The house where Jesus is staying is _____ with people to hear Jesus' preaching.
- What does Jesus do with a standing-room-only crowd? He preaches the _____.
- The preaching of the Word takes _____ over anything and everything else. 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

Through the Roof (verses 3-4)

- Four men need to get their _____ friend to Jesus.
- Interruptions aren't incidental intrusions; they are _____.
- The four men tear through the roof and lower their paraplegic friend to Jesus.

Your Sins are Forgiven (verses 5-12)

- When Jesus sees the _____ of the paraplegic and his four friends, He declares that the man's sins are _____.
- Jesus is ...
 1. Identifying Himself as _____.
 2. Revealing that our greatest need is _____.
- Jesus is proving that, as God, He possesses the _____ to forgive sins: "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk?'"
- In showing that He has the power to make the lame man walk, Jesus is proving he has the power to _____ the lame man's _____.
- Jesus has given visual, _____ evidence that He is God.

The Takeaways

1. Don't let anything keep you from _____ Jesus. Ephesians 1:7, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." Romans 5:1, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
2. Don't let anything keep you from _____ to Jesus. These four friends teach us about the faith it takes to bring someone to Jesus ...
 - It takes a _____ faith.
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