

Deeper Life Notes

Jesus Rules: "Wielding the Power to Forgive" (Mark 1:40-2:12)

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REVIEW

How has God's Word transformed you? Three key truths last week: Mark 1:14-39

- Jesus made preaching His priority: How has the Word of God been prioritized in your life this week?
- Lives are changed when Jesus speaks: Ordinary people follow Him & hurting people are helped:
As Christ speaks to you, through the Holy Spirit; are you following? In what ways?

In what ways is the Lord Jesus helping you or others?

READ

Mark 1:40-2:12 **ESV**

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But 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, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 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!"

DISCUSS

God's greater gift is our greatest need!

Four Observations (expected and unexpected)

1. **The Paralytic's _____¹**
2. **Jesus' unexpected gift is forgiveness.**

Sin defined biblically—Sin is an offense against God which only God can forgive.
Cultural definition of sin—Sin is acting in contrast to my values or hurting others.

¹ problem

3. The religious leaders _____² response is who do you think you are?

Scribes—Good theologians-gatekeepers.

God is One—Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 44:6; Mark 12:29-30

They didn't understand: God is One in three Persons—Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Revelation 1:4-5

4. Jesus speaks and acts like God because He _____³ God—Mark 2:28; John 1:1-14; 20:28; 8:58; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:19

Five sure ways to _____⁴ to Christ⁵

1. Follow thru: 'Don't let anything stop you': 2:4 "remove the roof"

Common Barriers: ⁶

- E _____
- S _____
- O _____
- C _____
- P _____

2. _____⁷: 'Fix your faith on Jesus' 1:40 "you" is singular

Don't focus on your behavior, beliefs or other Christians...

3. Faith: 'Come with the faith you have': 1:40 "if"

Where does faith come from? 2 Peter 1:1; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 12:2; Ephesians 2:8-9

How do we get faith? Romans 10:17

Faith of a mustard seed: Luke 17:6

4. _____⁸: Draw strength from the Character/compassion of Christ: 1:41 "touched" Matthew 11:29

5. Finish: 'Get to the point': 1:40 make the ask, get down to business... John 1:12; 1 John 5:13

RESOURCES

The Day America told the Truth by James Patterson, 1992

www.gotquestions.org/mustard-seed-faith.html

² expected

³ is

⁴ draw near

⁵ adapted from Colin Smith

⁶ Evil, Suffering, Other Christians, Church hurts, Passivity... "HALT" acronym

⁷ Focus

⁸ Faculty