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New Testament 2 Jesus Shows He Is True God

Law/Gospel

In my sin, I fail to recognize and ask for what I need most: forgiveness. **Christ knows what I need—forgiveness, life, and salvation—and He bestows these gifts even without my asking.**

Bible Words

And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”
Mark 2:5

Fun Facts

The city of Capernaum became Jesus’ headquarters during His ministry in Galilee. Matthew says He lived at this seaside town (Matthew 4:13). He often taught in its synagogue and healed many people in this area, including a Roman centurion’s servant, Peter’s mother-in-law, lepers, and people oppressed by demons. He also raised Jairus’s daughter from death to life.

Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed

Mark 2:1–12

By the grace of God, medical research continues making incredible strides in treating paralysis. Robotic exoskeletons allow people to stand and walk. Computers facilitate communication. Motor cortex implants, similar to heart pacemakers, aim to control assisted devices.

It’s hard to imagine the challenges of paralysis in the ancient world. The Gospels say Jesus healed many paralyzed people, but one man stands out because of the passion of his friends.

A huge crowd had jammed into a Capernaum home to hear Jesus preach. Four men carrying a paralytic friend saw no room for more, so they found another way. Taking the outside stairs to a flat roof, they removed the roof’s layers of clay and branches above Jesus and lowered their friend down on his bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said, “Son, your sins are forgiven” (v. 5).

Jesus’ words alarmed some religious scribes sitting there. Silently, they questioned Jesus’ words because only God could forgive sins. Knowing their thoughts, Jesus asked which was easier, to forgive sins or to tell the man to stand up and walk. Not waiting for an answer, Jesus said He wanted them to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. So He did both, telling the man, “Rise, pick up your bed, and go home” (v. 11).

Immediately, the man rose up, picked up his bed, and left! People couldn’t believe their eyes. They were amazed and glorified God.

Jesus forgave and healed the paralytic. He forgives and heals us too through His perfect life, death, and resurrection.

Who Is the Son of Man?

Jesus called Himself the “Son of Man.” This title refers to a messianic vision of the prophet Daniel. “As a messianic title, it combines the ideas of a servant who will suffer and die for all people (Is 53; Mt 20:28) and the exalted Son of Man, whose reign is everlasting” (*The Lutheran Study Bible*, p. 2098).

Prayer

Jesus, Son of Man and Son of God, forgive and heal us in Your name. Amen.