



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 19 – Hope for the Lost Soul June 7, 2020

*I open my heart to receive from the Word of God
God's promises are true
And they are true for me*

Main Text: Turn in your Bibles to Mark 2:1-12

Mark 1:23-28

²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

1 Corinthians 4:20

²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Mark 2:3-4

³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

These four men had no backup plan.

These men fully expected Jesus to heal their friend.

Am I convinced Jesus is the answer for my struggle?

Am I convinced Jesus is all I need?

Mark 2:5

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

When we are really hurting, we aren't the most qualified people to be diagnosing our real problems.

Jesus knows the real need that lies beneath the felt need.



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“Forgiveness is the greatest miracle that Jesus ever performs. It meets the greatest need; it costs the greatest price; and it brings the greatest blessing and the most lasting results.”

Jesus met this man’s greatest need, but because of His compassion, He also met this man’s felt need.

Mark 2:10-12

¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

“Imagine if Jesus had failed. His ministry would be shattered. The crowd would slowly leave the house. The scribes would smile and say, “He can’t heal or forgive.” The four men would struggle to pull up the paralyzed man who looked more dejected and embarrassed than ever. The homeowner would look at his roof and think it was all for nothing.”

Jesus did not and cannot fail!

1 Corinthians 1:9

⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 13:14

¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

God wants to restore each of us to fellowship with Himself.

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

God wants to restore each of us to wholeness.

This man apparently once walked, but was paralyzed now.



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