

# Are Your Sins Forgiven?

## Mark 2:1-12

### I. Introduction

### II. Persistent, Energetic Faith. vv. 1-5

- A. Jesus just returned home from a preaching tour. v. 1-2, 1:15 (Rom. 10:8)
- B. The four men are resolute and creative about getting their friend to Jesus. vv. 3-5 (2 Tim. 2:24, Jn. 14:6)
- C. Jesus's response to their faith is totally unexpected. (Is. 19:22, Ps. 41:4, Eph. 1:7, 2 Sam. 12:13, Ps. 78:38, Ps. 85:2)
- D. How is sin related to sickness? (1 Cor. 11:30, 2 Cor. 4:16, Jn. 9:1-2, 2 Cor. 12:8, Rom. 8:28, Ps. 119:71, Ps. 37, Ps. 73)

### III. Pathetic, Empty Faith. vv. 6-11

- A. The scribes became embittered. vv. 6-7 (Matt. 23:6, Ex. 34:6-7, Is. 43:23, Is. 44:22, Ps. 103:12, Ps. 51:4, Lev. 24:16)
- B. Jesus granting forgiveness of sin is verified by the physical healing. vv. 8-11 (Jn. 9:2, Job 4:7, Jn. 20:31, Dan. 7:13-14)

### IV. Powerful, Enthusiastic Faith. v. 12

- A. God commands what we are unable to do. (Is. 35:5-6)
- B. The authority to forgive sins is clear evidence that the kingdom of God has come. (Matt. 11:23-24)

### V. Conclusion / Application