

Mark 2:1-12

Series: Knowing Jesus Through MIRACLES

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What does Jesus do in this miracle story?

- Jesus establishes that He is God (**no one except God can forgive sins**)

How does he establish His claim?

- By healing the paralytic (**no one except God can heal paralysis** – Is 35:5-6) (*if Jesus can heal paralysis, he can forgive sins*) – *logical deduction or enthymeme*

What does Jesus offer to the paralytic (besides healing) and onlookers in this miracle story?

- Jesus offers the paralytic and the onlookers entry into the kingdom of God (*by announcing forgiveness purely by the faith of the four men*)

How do the paralytic and the onlookers respond?

- The paralytic and the onlookers do not appear to accept His invitation, but they are excited about the healing

What does Jesus' act of forgiveness and healing indicate?

- Forgiveness and healing indicate the arrival of the Kingdom of God to those who believe God's work in Jesus (cf. Luke 7:22-23)
- This is the Good News, the Gospel, which Jesus brought to this world (cf. Mark 1:14)

TAKE AWAY

Jesus offers the Kingdom to everyone who comes to Him by faith. Therefore,

- Seek Jesus for what He offers more than what we want from Him
- Be a bridge between the world and Christ, just as the four determined men who brought the paralytic to Jesus