



Jesus' Healing

Mark 2:1-12

GATHERING

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Evening Song**

“I Am The Light of the World” [<http://gospelyrics.blogspot.com/2007/09/i-am-light-of-world.html>]

I am the Light of the world! You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above.

- **Hear the Story...**

READING

- **Read Text aloud [standing, sitting, walking – but don't go far away]**
- **Re-read silently and consider the questions that follow...**

RESPONDING

- **What do you suppose is the relationship between the paralyzed person and the four people who carried him?**
- **What is the conflict between Jesus and those in the crowd?**
- **What does this event symbolize?**

SHARING

- **How do 'healing' and 'forgiveness' compare/contrast with each other?**
- **How do “healing” and “curing” compare/contrast with each other?**

CLOSING

- **Grace/Benediction**

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1When he returned to Capernaum after some days,
it was reported that he was at home.

2So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them,
not even in front of the door;
and he was speaking the word to them.

3Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man,
carried by four of them.

4And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd,
they removed the roof above him;
and after having dug through it,
they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,
'Son, your sins are forgiven.'

6Now some of the scribes were sitting there,
questioning in their hearts,

7'Why does this fellow speak in this way?
It is blasphemy!

Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

8At once Jesus perceived in his spirit
that they were discussing these questions among themselves;
and he said to them,

'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?

9Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,
"Your sins are forgiven",

or to say,

"Stand up and take your mat and walk"?

10But so 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, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.'

12And he stood up, and immediately took the mat
and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed
and glorified God, saying,

'We have never seen anything like this!'