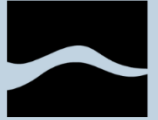


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS

Mark 2:1-12



BIG IDEA: Jesus has the authority to forgive sins because He is the Son of Man, and He knows our deepest need.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

“Can you think of a time when something that seemed like a small problem turned out to reveal something much deeper—either physically, emotionally, or spiritually?”

What do the actions of the four friends in verses 3–4 tell us about their faith and understanding of who Jesus is?

Why did Jesus begin by forgiving the man's sins rather than healing his paralysis first (v. 5)?

How did the scribes respond to Jesus' words, and what does that reveal about their view of God and authority (vv. 6–7)?

APPLY

Are there areas in your life where you are asking Jesus to change your circumstances, but He may be more concerned with healing your heart?

What hidden doubts or quiet resistance might be in your heart that Jesus sees—even if others don't?

Do you truly believe Jesus has the authority and willingness to forgive all your sins? How does that affect the way you live daily?

COMMIT

This week, identify one person in your life who needs Jesus, and take one intentional step to help bring them to Him—through prayer, conversation, or service.

Further Study:

Read Daniel 7:13–14. How does this vision of the "Son of Man" deepen your understanding of what Jesus was claiming about Himself in Mark 2:10?

Read Psalm 139 and Hebrews 4:12. What do these passages teach us about God's ability to see and know our hearts—and how should we respond to that truth?