

# **The Gospel in Action (4) The Unexpected Messiah**

**Mark 2:1-17**

## **Intro: Keeping Me on My Toes**

### **I. Impressed with Property Damage? (v. 1-12)**

### **II. Calling the Corrupt? (v. 13-14)**

### **III. Eating with Sinners? (v. 15-17)**

## **Conclusion: Bring Them to Jesus**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Faith finds a way to overcome obstacles. We see that in the example of the four friends digging through a ROOF to get to Jesus. What examples can you think of in your own life where your faith has led you to overcome obstacles?
2. The Jesus ate and fellowshiped with sinners. Yet it wasn't because He approved of their lifestyles. Jesus saw the potential for them to trust in God, and He called them to do so. What indicators do you think Jesus was able to see in them that identified them as "discipleable"?
3. Consider your own approach toward sinners/the World. Do you go along with the world? Or avoid it completely? Or are you able to engage the world in a redemptive way like Jesus?
4. How do you identify a person who may be living an ungodly lifestyle ... yet they may actually be OPEN to Jesus? What does your approach look like as you engage with such a person?