

# THE POWER TO CHANGE A LIFE

✦ MARK 2:10-12 ✦

**Mark 2:10** “But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic,<sup>11</sup> “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”<sup>12</sup> Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Mark 2:1** And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.<sup>2</sup> Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.<sup>3</sup> Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.<sup>4</sup> And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

**Mark 2:6** And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,<sup>7</sup> "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"<sup>8</sup> But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"<sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?<sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic,<sup>11</sup> "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

**Mark 2:12** Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**Mark 1:33** And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

**Matthew 7:28b** the people were astonished at His teaching,<sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

**Mark 2:2** Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

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**Mark 2:8** But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?<sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?<sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic,<sup>11</sup> "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

**Mark 2:10 (NLT)** So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said,<sup>11</sup> "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

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**Mark 2:3** Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.<sup>4</sup> And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith...

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**Mark 2:4** And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

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**1 Timothy 2:3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,<sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who gave Himself a ransom for all.

**1 John 2:2** He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.