



OUTSIDER FAITH

Mark 2



Mark 2:1-12 NIV

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.



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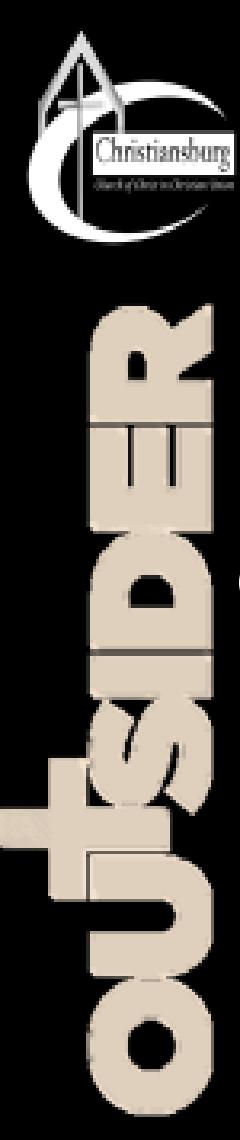
Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,



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“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?



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But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”



PARALYZED MAN

*...a paralyzed man,
carried by four of them.*

This Outsider is on a Mat
Fortunately, He Has Friends

Possibility, Potential
IN JESUS, HE SAW HOPE

He Was Desperate for Jesus

We Really Do Need Each Other



FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*...Since they could not get him to Jesus
because of the crowd, they made an
opening in the roof...*

Bringing a Friend to Jesus

THEY SAW BARRIERS

They Counted on Jesus

Compassion, Empathy, Faith,
and Determination



JESUS

When Jesus saw their faith, he said...

“Son, your sins are forgiven.”

People are More Important

HE SAW FAITH

Faith is Meant to be Seen

**It is Often in the Unexpected that
Jesus Does His Best Work**

Man’s Greatest Need



RELIGIOUS ELITE

“...He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Lack of Faith

THEY SAW A THREAT
THEY SAW BLASPHEMY

Which is Easier, to Forgive or Heal?

Impossible for Man
But for God, Both are Easy



AMAZED CROWD

This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

THEY SAW THE POWER OF GOD

Humbled and Amazed

that you may know that the Son of Man has power

Stand in Awe