

JESUS FORGIVES AND CALLS SINNERS

Mark 2:1-17

Key Verses: 2:17

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

1. How and where did Jesus serve the crowd (1-2; cf. 1:21)? Who came to Jesus, and why (3)? Think about how they got the man to Jesus (4). What can we learn here from them about faith and friendship (5a)?
2. Read verse 5. What surprising words did Jesus say to the paralytic? What does this show about his love and care for the man? Who is Jesus that he could say this (1:1,11)?
3. Who secretly objected to Jesus’ words, and why were they offended (6-7)? What did Jesus know and say (8-9)? Why did Jesus say this?
4. Read verse 10. What did Jesus want them to know? What did Jesus say to the man (11)? What did the man do (12a)? How did the crowd respond (12b)? What does this prove about Jesus?
5. Where did Jesus go and what did he do (13)? Who did Jesus notice and what did he say to him (14)? How did Levi respond? What did this invitation mean to Jesus and to Levi (1:17)?
6. Where did Jesus go next and what surprising thing did he do (15)? Why were these teachers of the law so critical of Jesus (16)? Read verse 17. Why did Jesus come (cf. 1:38)? How has Jesus forgiven and called you?