LESSON OVERVIEW

Mark 2:1-12 (KJV)

Healing for the Whole Person

Point 1► The Old Testament's ceremonial laws were still in effect during Jesus' ministry.

And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

Mark 1:44 (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ² This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest: ³ And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; ⁴ Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive *and* clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

Leviticus 14:1-4 (KJV)

Point 2► In the earlier part of Jesus' ministry, He did not allow the demons to speak when He cast them out of a person.

And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

Mark 1:34 (KJV)

Point 3▶ Jesus' teaching was different from the teaching of the scribes.

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22 (KJV)

Point 4► When Jesus returned to the city of Capernaum, there were huge crowds that followed Him.

¹And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.
² And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

*Mark 2:1-2 (KJV)

Four friends carrying a paralyzed man on a pallet tried to get into the house where Jesus was speaking.

And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

Mark 2:3 (KJV)

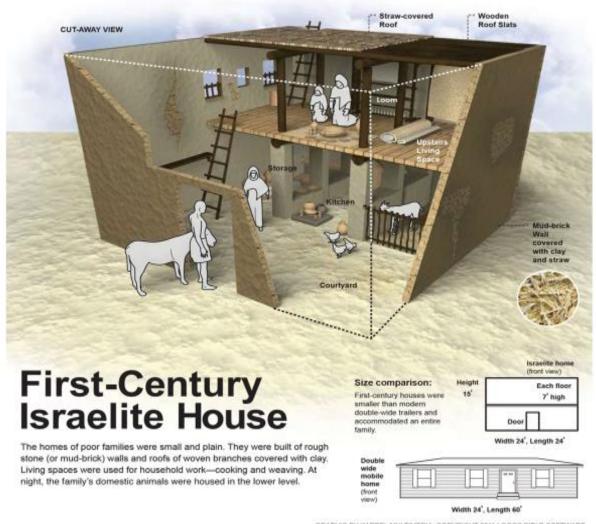
Point 6 The four friends were *committed* to getting the paralyzed man in front of Jesus who was in the house.

And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

Mark 2:4 (KJV)

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Point 7► Most houses during that time had roofs made of straw and clay that could be removed without much effort.



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Point 8 Jesus stated openly that the paralyzed man was forgiven of his sins. This statement was very disturbing to the scribes who were also in the house.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. ⁶ But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, *Mark 2:5-6 (KJV)*

Point 9▶ The scribes thought that Jesus was committing blasphemies by equating Himself with God.

> Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? Mark 2:7 KJV)

Scribes were considered experts in the interpretation and traditions of the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament. This also placed them in a position to be teachers of the Old Testament.

Point 10▶ Jesus knew what the scribes were thinking.

8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? 9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? Mark 2:8-9 (KJV)

Point 11▶ Jesus has the authority to forgive sin.

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) Mark 2:10 (KJV)

Point 12▶ Jesus healed the paralyzed man spiritually and physically.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. Mark 2:5 (KJV)

I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. Mark 2:11 (KJV)

Point 13▶ Were the people amazed at the spiritual healing or the physical healing?

> And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Mark 2:12 (KJV)

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