

Mark 2

LW – Finished Chapter 1 with the account of Jesus healing the man with leprosy,

A – We were challenged with the idea that: He who Jesus told to be quiet about it, told everyone;

“When God has done a marvelous thing in your life, witnessing is the most natural thing in the world.” P Chuck

*Before we move on to the next chapter, like to share how this impacted one person who was here last week.

V1-2

* In Capernaum – Again – Capernaum = Village of Comfort!

* Many gathered – Thanks to the Leper!

* He preached the word to them! “Speak” (244 times) vs. Preached (6 times) “Proclaim Publicly”

* In 1:14 Jesus preaching (Publicly Proclaimed) the gospel; 1:22 He was teaching/word; here speaking/word

A – The word, the word, the word! Proclaim it, Teach it, Speak it

V3-12 - Observe about this Miracle?

1. Brought by 4 “men” – Carried him (much effort); Broke through roof (Didn’t give up);

2. Jesus saw their faith! – It was Visible!

3. Jesus initially addresses his sin! And not his physical ailment – Connection between his sin/his ailment

4. Scribes accuse Jesus of Blasphemy – Making claims that made him God (Beginning/Animosity toward Jesus)

5. Jesus states He has power on earth to forgive sins – Making claims Himself that made God

6. Jesus actually heals him! Proves His Claim - (The basic conflict concerned the deity of Christ. Wycliffe)

7. The man gets up and leaves by the same faith by which he was brought & lowered down!

Application

1. 4 men = Friends! Carried him to Jesus – because they cared for him! Didn’t stop at obstacles, people, roof!

2. Jesus saw/Faith - Faith can be Seen! Just like true love! I Corin 13:4-8

* Faith can be seen! - James 2:18 ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

3. Ailment caused by sin - So often we pray for symptoms – “help him stop drinking” Pastor Chuck

* Are all sickness caused by sin? By demonic possession? No. But are some? Yes!

- Healings of Jesus Comparison

4&5. Jesus confirms Scribes conclusion – That he was claiming to be God!

6. Jesus proves not Blasphemous – But speaking the truth by healing him! Jesus was God on Earth!

John 1:1 ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 ¹⁴And 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.

7. There is no power in Faith Alone – The power is in who or what we put our faith in!

Romans 10:17 ¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

* What who was Jesus – The Word of God; What was Jesus speaking of – The Word of God

A – Putting our Faith in Him is our act of Freewill to trust our lives into His Hands;

A – Deadliest Catch TV Series – Ocean Challenger Capsized, Only 1 of 4 Crew members rescued alive!

A – Trust Him as Savior – Saved by Faith, As Healer – Healed by Faith, Liberator – Set Free by faith,

A – Greatest proofs of Jesus is the proof of Changed lives! Leper, Paralytic, Withered Hand, You, Me!

V13-14

1. Levi – Mark/Luke use Levi here; Matthew uses Matthew; Only other time in list of 12 – as “Matthew”

2. Jesus says Follow Me – Says to Phillip Jn 1:43; To Peter/Andrew, James/John; Matthew; To Unnamed Disciple in Matthew 8:22 ²²But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”; To Rich Young Ruler, Matthew 19:21 ²¹Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

* Multitude hears Jesus – Disciples Follow Jesus

* Disciples are called by Jesus, follow Jesus, put their faith in Jesus, experience Jesus, empowered by Jesus,