



The Miracles of Jesus

Ripping through the Roof

Mark 1:21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 2:1-12

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 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?"

9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

12 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!"

1. The crowd at Capernaum

▼ The place was Capernaum

1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

▼ The people were crowding

2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door,

▼ The preaching was compelling

2 and he preached the word to them.

2. The cripple and his carriers

▼ There was a crippled fellow at Capernaum

3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic,

▼ There were four compassionate friends

3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them.

▲ They were prioritized

▲ They were partners

▲ They were packers

▼ They were filled with faith and creativity

4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith,

▲ There were crowd complications

▲ They were completely committed

▲ They were creative and calculating

3. The controversial conferral

▼ Jesus conferred forgiveness first

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

▼ The Jewish commentators criticized "this fellow"

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

▼ Jesus claimed the capability to forgive

8 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?" 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

4. The cure and its consequences

▼ Jesus gave powerful proof of his authority

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

▲ This miracle was for the man

▲ This miracle was for the multitude

▼ Jesus got plenty of praise from the assembly

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

Messages from the Miracle

1. Get people to Jesus however you have to do it – don't be distracted or delayed or deterred!
2. Partner with people of like mind to accomplish spiritual projects and priorities – teams work!
3. Bring to Jesus your spiritual needs and every other kind of need in your life – he loves you!
4. Praise God for every act of goodness and grace you've seen – in your life and others' lives!