



Authorized to Forgive

Mark 2:1-12

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Introduction: "The great mystery that shrouds the earth is, 'How can I get forgiveness of my sins?'" - Leroy Eims

Mark 2:1-5 The Son of Man exercises His authority to forgive sins by forgiving a paralytic.

A. Where we are in Jesus' ministry

B. The enthusiastic response to Jesus' return to Capernaum includes a paralytic and his friends.

Mark 2:6-12 The Son of Man verifies His authority to forgive sins by healing the paralytic.

A. (2:6-7) The scribes (Law-experts) had come to check out Jesus' teaching and healing.

B. (2:8-9) Jesus' awareness of the scribes' opposition moves Him to ask a question.

C. (2:10-12) Jesus validates His authority to forgive sins by exercising His authority to heal.

So what is the significance of this miracle to us?