

“Sovereign Over Sin”

Matthew 9:1-8

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The Hottest Ticket in Town (Mark 2:1-2)

Standing Room Only

Peter’s House?

Dropping in on Jesus (Mark 2:3-4)

A Beggar with No Other Options

A Daring Decision

Desperate for Jesus

Jesus’ Astonishing Declaration (2-7)

Addressing His Greatest Need (2)

Accused of Blasphemy (3)

Jesus the Mind Reader (4-7)

Thinking Evil in Their Hearts (4)

“Which is Easier to Say...” (5)

Validating His Authority Over Sin (6)

Paralysis Healed (7)

The Crowd's Reaction: Fear and Worship (8)

Application

Family Life Groups

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1) Jesus obviously knew *why* the paralytic was let down through the roof and laid at His feet in the middle of His sermon. Why did Jesus address his sin rather than his paralysis?

2) How might this passage and its focus on the problem of sin have relevance to *your* personal, day-to-day relationship with Jesus?

3) There are numerous ministries and mission agencies that focus their attention on relieving human suffering (poverty, hunger, disease, injustice, contaminated water, etc.). How might this passage influence those kinds of ministries?

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