

MARKED BY JESUS

4. "A Reason to Raze the Roof"

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Sermon Notes

Remember, God is the One who makes you and us strong in Christ. God made us his chosen people. ²² He put his mark on us to show that we are his, and he put his Spirit in our hearts to be a guarantee for all he has promised. 2 Corinthians 1:22-23 NCV

The Mark of Jesus ALWAYS AIMS AT BRINGING RESURRECTION LIFE

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers 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 paralyzed man, 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 by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "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 this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk?' ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 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!" Mark 2:1-12

I. Mark 2:2

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Jesus Raises Us to New Life so WE YEARN TO HEAR HIS WORD FOR US

How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. ¹⁰⁴ Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:103-105 NLT

II. Mark 2:3-5a

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Jesus Raises Us to New Life so WE WILL DO THE HARD WORK TO HELP OTHERS GET WHAT GOD HAS FOR THEM

Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived. Galatians 6:1-3 MSG

III. Mark 2:5b-12

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Jesus Raises Us to New Life so WE CAN BE WHOLE INSTEAD OF LIVING IN SHAME AND GUILT

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. Phil 3:12-13 NLT