

MEMORY VERSE: Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? Mark 2:9 NIV

LESSON AIM: To realize that Jesus has the authority and power to heal physically and forgive spiritually.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

### I. AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE: MARK 2:1-5

1. Where does this week's lesson take place? (This place was Jesus' headquarters at the beginning of His ministry.) Locate on a New Testament map. Mark 2:1a



2. What did the people do when they heard Jesus had returned to their region? Mark 2:1b-2
3. How does this lesson show the popularity of Jesus? Mark 2:2ab
4. What was Jesus' response to the people who sought Him? Mark 2:2c
5. Who was brought to Jesus while He was preaching at a house? By whom? What was his condition? Mark 2:3
6. What obstacle did these persons face? What did they decide to do? Mark 2:4
7. What do the actions of these persons reveal about them?
8. What obstacles tend to keep us from bringing needy people to Christ? How may we overcome these obstacles?
9. What impressed Jesus about the men who brought the paralytic to Him? Mark 2:5a

10. What important lessons can we learn about these men? (Consider their faith, love, persistence, teamwork, etc.)
11. What was Jesus' initial response to the paralytic? Mark 2:5b
12. Why do you think Jesus forgave the man of his sin before healing him of his physical ailment?
13. What does God's forgiveness heal us from? Mark 2:5b

## II. AUTHORITY QUESTIONED: MARK 2:6-9

14. Who reacted negatively to Jesus forgiving the paralytic of his sins? What did they accuse Jesus of committing? Mark 2:6-7a
15. What did the teachers of the law accuse Jesus of doing? Mark 2:7b
16. Why did they think Jesus had blasphemed? Mark 2:7c
17. Why was Jesus able to forgive sins? John 10:30; Matthew 28:18
18. How did Jesus demonstrate His divine omniscience (knowing all things)? Mark 2:8a
19. Why do you think Jesus' critics did not challenge Him openly at this time?
20. What was Jesus' response to his critics? Mark 2:8b-9
21. In what way is sin like paralysis?
22. Which of Jesus' questions in Mark 2:9 was the easiest to prove? Why?

## III. AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE AND HEAL: MARK 2:10-12

23. How does Jesus address Himself? This statement was a Messianic title. Mark 2:10a
24. What did Jesus claim about His authority? Mark 2:10a
25. What did Jesus do to prove He was the Messiah and that He had authority and power to forgive sins? Mark 2:10-11
26. How did Jesus heal the paralytic? Mark 2:10b-11
27. What was the response of the paralytic to Jesus' command? Mark 2:12abc (Luke 5:25)
 

v. 12a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 12b \_\_\_\_\_ v. 12c \_\_\_\_\_
28. What was the reaction of all the people except the religious leaders to Jesus' miracles (spiritual forgiveness and physical healing)? Mark 2:12de
 

v. 12d \_\_\_\_\_ v. 12e \_\_\_\_\_
29. What was the testimony of the people who witnessed and accepted Jesus' authority and power? Mark 2:12f