



# Leader

5/5 - Mark 2:1-12 (Paralytic Man)

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

[Dialogue]

2. Let's read our primary text. Jesus is returning to Capernaum. Where was he prior to this? What can we conclude from this first verse?

Jesus is returning from preaching and ministry throughout Galilee. It seems that he is now living in Capernaum, 20 miles northeast of Nazareth.

3. When it says that Jesus was "preaching the word" to them, what would Jesus have been teaching (He was not opening the New Testament)?

Jesus often preached the inadequacy of following the letter of the law, but rather to encourage keeping the spirit of the law (a great example of His preaching was the Sermon on the Mount). He also used vivid illustrations, such as parables, to communicate eternal messages concerning the mysteries of God to the large gatherings that followed Him. Another common message that He preached to those around Him was His inauguration of the kingdom of God. He would often say, the "kingdom of God is near" and oftentimes included "I am" statements, speaking authoritatively of His deity.

4. Our primary text and the synoptic gospel of Luke (5:17-26) help us gain better mental picture of what is taking place here. What would the Fire Marshall say about this house? What is the roof "situation"?

Since Jesus had been preaching and healing a great number of people throughout Galilee, this house was packed...likely 50 plus people on the inside and others gathered outside to hear Jesus teach and hopeful that they might be healed. The roofs were flat during that time, consisting of sticks and clay that were like "tiles" according to Luke 5:19.

5. What do we learn about Jesus as he questions these scribes? How should we respond?

Jesus has authority over and knows our every thought. What we think is very important to the Lord. This should lead us to repent of our sinful thoughts and desires, knowing that nothing is hidden in God's sight. An author once said, "It is not enough to take out the trash once a month, you have to take it out daily." We must confess and repent of our sinful thoughts daily.

6. Concerning the paralytic, how does Jesus display his power over the seen and the unseen?  
He not only performed a physical miracle by allowing the man to "take up his bed and walk," but he also displayed His power to over the unseen, in that he forgave him and healed him of his sin.
7. How did everyone respond following this event? How do you think you would have responded?  
Everyone was amazed, astonished at what they had seen.
8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?  
[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

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Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Gotquestions.org - "What did Jesus teach?"