

The Mission of Christ, for us!

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MISSION POSSIBLE: The Mission of Christ

Today's message:

***Jesus Establishes
the MOTIVE and IDENTITY
of His Mission***

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⁴³Jesus sent him away at once with a strong

Mark 1:40 – 2:12 (cont.)

warning: ⁴⁴“See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Mark 1:40 – 2:12 (cont.)

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd,

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they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.

⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶Now 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?”

Mark 1:40 – 2:12 (cont.)

⁸Immediately 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? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” He said to the paralytic, ¹¹“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

Mark 1:40 – 2:12 (cont.)

¹²He 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!”

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Mark 9:21-24 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³"If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

The **MOTIVE** of Jesus' Mission –

Psalm 62:11-12a *One thing God has spoken,
two things have I heard: that you, O God, are
strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.*

Strong = Able (can do it)

Loving = Willing to do it!

God Responds to Faith –

The Leper: *“If you are willing, you can make me clean.”*

Mark 2:5 *When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”*

“your sins are forgiven.”

“sins” = (offense/sin), lit. – miss the mark,
depart from the right path

“forgiven” = dismiss, send away
(wipe out)

“your sins are forgiven.”

sin & sickness



Separation
from God

forgiveness & healing



Restored
to God

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“your sins are forgiven.”

✦ Forgiving & healing are ***equally***
impossible for man, BUT

equally EASY for God!

“your sins are forgiven... get up, take your mat and walk.”

Jesus' **IDENTITY** is clear: Jesus did two things that only God can do.

Jesus answers the question,

Do you care, God?

JESUS IS GOD AND GOD CARES!

Jesus is ABLE and WILLING!

Jesus touches you and says:

“I am willing” to cleanse you –

“Be thou cleansed”