

Jesus is in the House

As Jesus' ministry began to spread people came from everywhere to hear Him speak, and those needing healing came seeking a miracle! One day Jesus was speaking in a house in Capernaum, and so many people heard about he was there, that the house was full, and no one else could get in. Jesus was preaching the Word of God of hope, peace, and no doubt He was healing the broken hearted!

Mark 2

¹ And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and **it was noised that he was in the house.** ² And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and **he preached the word unto them.**
(Reminds me when I went on my first trip overseas to Belize)

Along came four men carrying a paralyzed man sick with Palsy in his bed to see Jesus. He was unable to get to where he needed to go on his own. They knew if they could just get him to Jesus, that Jesus would do something for him. Look at verse 3...

³ And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. ⁴ And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, **(They were determined to get him to Jesus!)** they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

The first thing Jesus did because of their faith was forgave His sins.

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Now listen to the reaction from the religious leaders hearts...

⁶ But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

Then Jesus perceiving what was in their heart said...

⁸ And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? ⁹ Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins be forgiven thee*; or to say, *Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk*? **(I believe at this point Jesus probably paused, then said..)** ¹⁰ **But** that ye may know that **the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins**, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

¹¹ I say unto thee, *Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house*. ¹² And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth **before them all**; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, **We never saw it on this fashion.** **Mark 2:1-12 (KJV)**

Listen Church, "Now is the Time" Jesus is in the house!

If you will press through every distraction and turn to Him with all your heart, He can and will work a miracle in your life today!

He can put the broken pieces of your life back together again! He will heal your body of whatever sickness you have! He will forgive you of any sin in your life!

How can I make such bold statements? I can make it because “Jesus is in the house”! Turn your heart to Him, and He will give you whatever you are in need of! You must get into his presence. Let’s consider once more what just happened in this passage of scripture. We find these men full of faith, trying to get this sick man to Jesus in the house. But the house was completely full. Around every window there were people. Packed around all doors there were people. There was no way in.

- There was an obstacle in the way.
- There was an obstacle between a sick man and his miracle.

And Jesus was in the house, but the man was on the outside and unable to hear or see what Jesus was doing. Here are somethings to ponder...

- I wonder if we sometimes let obstacles get in the way from our entering into the presence of Jesus.
- I wonder if we sometimes allow those obstruction stand between us and the miracle.

Let’s talk about obstacles for a moment... Let’s talk about things that we allow to keep us from God. What are things that cause us to stop short of getting to where Jesus is? What causes us to stop short

- It could be that it is just inconvenient. It is just a little difficult fitting church into my already busy lifestyle! Job, Sports, School...
- I'm just too tired on Sunday to make it to church.
- Maybe you feel it is not the right time for you, but you plan to get right with God sometime in the future!
- Or maybe you have simply not hit rock bottom yet, and you don't feel you need Jesus now!

Let me tell you, that you need to get connected to Jesus now! You need to push the obstacles out of the way and get answer the call! He is the only one that can meet your needs, and he can do it today. This man that was sick and the men that were with him pushed every obstacle out of the way to get to Jesus.

- It wasn't convenient being carried on his bed but he came anyway.
- It was out of his way but he came anyway.
- He was tired and sick but he came anyway.
- It wasn't the right time but he came anyway.
- And he received his miracle because they pushed through all obstacles to get into the presence of Jesus!.

There is no excuse for not being in church. In fact, the Bible says staying home from church is one of the signs of the end times!

¹ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, ² **That ye be not soon shaken in mind**, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except **there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 (KJV)**

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

Today let me encourage you to push the obstacles out of the way and get to Jesus today. Jesus is in the house!