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(Mark 2:1-12) **Introduction:** the man who seeks forgiveness of sins—truly seeks with a desperation that will not quit—will be forgiven. This is the great lesson learned from the man with palsy.

1. Jesus returned to Capernaum many months later (v.1-2).
2. The prerequisite to being forgiven (v.3-4).
3. The reality of being forgiven (v.5).
4. The question aroused by being forgiven (v.6-7).
5. The source of being forgiven (v.8-11).
6. The impact of being forgiven (v.12).

1. (Mark 2:1-2) **Preaching—Minister—Mission:** Jesus returned to Capernaum after many months of preaching throughout Galilee (Mark 1:39). The preaching tour had lasted about twelve months. He apparently returned to Peter's house; and as always, the news spread quickly, and the crowds began to gather and flood the house.

Note what Jesus did. He went about His *primary mission*: **“He preached the Word to them.”** No doubt some had come for ministry, that is, to have some need met or to be healed; and some had come out of curiosity. However, note what Jesus did first of all. He did the main work of God: He proclaimed the Word of God to men who were lost eternally.

2. (Mark 2:3-4) **Forgiveness—Perseverance—Faith—Invitation:** the prerequisite to being forgiven was clearly demonstrated by what happened.

1. The man came to Jesus. Actually, this man was brought to Jesus by four other men carrying him on a cot-like pallet. Note two significant things.
 - a. The man was desperate for help and very hopeful, having heard about Jesus.
 - b. The man was counted as a very dear person by the four men. This is indicated by the extreme action they took to reach Jesus.



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The point is clear: the first prerequisite to forgiveness is coming to Jesus. A person must come to Jesus for forgiveness, even if he has to be brought. Compare the invitation of God to "come":

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" ([Isaiah 1:18](#)).

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" ([Isaiah 55:1](#)).

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" ([Matthew 11:28](#)).

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" ([Rev. 22:17](#)).

(Cp. also [Genesis 7:1](#); [Matthew 22:4](#); [Luke 14:17](#).)