

## JESUS' POWER TO FORGIVE SINS

Mark 2:1-22

Key Verse: 2:10

1. Read verses 1-2. How did Jesus serve the crowds? Read verses 3-5. How did four men bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus? How did Jesus regard their actions? What can we learn from them about faith and friendship?
2. Read verses 5-12. Why did he deal with the paralyzed man's sins first? How is paralysis like sin? When some doubted Jesus' power to forgive sins, what did Jesus do? How did the crowd respond?
3. Read verses 13-14. What kind of sinner was Levi? What did Jesus' invitation mean? How did Levi respond? How would his life be changed?
4. Read verses 15-17. Why were the Pharisees so critical Jesus and his disciples went to Levi's house to eat? How did Jesus explain? What can we learn about him?
5. Read verses 18-22. How and why was the lifestyle of Jesus' disciples different from that of the disciples of John and the Pharisees?
6. What do the parables of the wineskins and the patched garment teach us about the gospel and life of following Jesus?