

Suggestions for Application for Sermon, January 31, 2021
Love To Share
Mark 2:1-12

One Point of the Story of Mark 2:1-12 is that Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.

- Reflect on that meaning to you personally as you consider your answer to this question:
- In what areas of your life do you need Jesus' forgiveness and healing?

Another Point of the Story of Mark 2:1-12 is that Jesus' declaration of forgiveness is proven true and effective through his healing of the man's paralysis.

- Reflect on that meaning to you personally as you consider your answer to this question:
- In what ways do you struggle to see the connection between forgiveness and healing—the intrinsic relationship between the spiritual and the physical in Jesus' provision of health, wholeness, and new life in him?
- In what ways have you experienced the connection between forgiveness and healing—the intrinsic relationship between the spiritual and the physical in Jesus' provision of health, wholeness, and new life in him?

A Point of Application of the Story in Mark 2:1-12 is that we can help others experience healing through our care and forgiveness.

- Reflect on that teaching in relation to those you know and love.
- Consider how you might live out these Scripture passages in your interaction with them.
 - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
 - Galatians 6:2, 10
 - Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ
 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
 - Ephesians 4:32
 - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
 - Colossians 3:12-14
 - Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

