
Jesus Forgave Sins

We talked about how Jesus healed people's bodies, but He healed their hearts as well. This is called forgiving sins.

One day Jesus was teaching in a house. Many people came to see him and the house was so full that people were spilling through the doors. There was no way to get in to see Him.

A few friends had brought their friend, who was sick, to be healed by Jesus. The only way for them to get in was to cut a hole in the ceiling and lower him and his mat down to see Jesus.

When Jesus saw the man, He could see that he was sick. But Jesus could see the heart of the man, and knew he needed more than to just be healthy on the outside. Jesus said, 'your sins are forgiven.' He then told the man to get up and walk.

The people who saw this asked, 'who is this man that can heal the body and the heart?' The answer is that He is God, and because sin is acting against God, He can forgive them. He lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, so that we can have eternal life.

Discussion Questions

1. What did the four men expect Jesus to do?
2. How did Jesus surprise them?
3. How can we go to Jesus and ask Him to forgive our sins?

Memory Verse

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32.1

