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# Helping Christ

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Mark 2:1-13

INT: Jesus' whole ministry one of service: John 18:37, Lk. 19:10  
Acts 10:38, Matthew 11:5. **greatest life of all !!**

Abundant and happy life today belongs to those who help  
Jesus in His kingdom. John 10:10. Matt. 25:34-46.

TEXT: Contains some great lessons for us today. **4 Types.**

- I. THE HELPLESS. 2-3. Wanted to be near Jesus—needed help!
- Palsy: Paralysis ag-i-tans today. Occurs in young following epidemic of infections of the brain.
  - Unable to heal himself or get to healer. **PRIDE** did not motivate him to refuse the help of others. **HELPLESS!!**

- II. THE HELPERS. 4. Came nearest when bringing a friend!
- Helpless to heal, but not helpless to help some!
  - Beautiful determination! \*Take roof off if necessary!
  - TRUE IMAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN:** If left to these, all world would hear the gospel. Raise the roof!!!

- III. THE HEALER. 5. Jesus heals the soul, mind and body.
- Didn't chide him for his past sins. Evident! Vs. 5.
  - JESUS GAVE** this man: a new **BODY**, a clean **soul**, a clear **CONSCIENCE**, and a new start in life.
- Note:** Money could buy none of these. Only faith, obedience and righteousness could bring about.

- IV. **BEAUTIFUL STORY MARRED BY THE HINDERERS.** 6-7. **see!**
- Reasoning & questioning when should have been believing
  - Arguing the source of the miracle; **LEGALISTS** and **RATIONALISTS.** **Blind** to grand demon. of Divinity!!
  - HINDERERS** still at work: Argue baptism's meaning and **purpose.** Clearly stated: Col. 2:12. Romans 6:1-5. Purpose: Mk. 16:15-16. Acts 2:38. 22:16. I P. 3:21.
  - SCRIBES** never "near" Christ, and if left to them none would ever be healed or come **near** to Christ.

INV: Believe speaking to an audience that wants to be near Jesus. **HELPERS** have brought children, mates and neighbors to be near Him. **Spr. healing ahead.**

**SIN** is spr. illness and death. Rom. 6:23. Obedience can free **us** from sin. Rom. 1:16. B-R-C-B.

**NEGLECT** is spr. illness and death too. A hinderer!!!!  
Come home to Christ and be a **helper** once again.

**Identify:** <sup>WH:</sup> A congregation of **helpers.** None better!