

# Sermon Discussion Questions

**Speaker:** Dr. Stephen Burrell

**Topic:** Jesus Heals

**Scriptures:** Mark 1:21; 2:12

**Opening:** Open your time in prayer by thanking God for the authority and compassion of Jesus, asking for faith to trust Him with both physical and spiritual needs, and praying for eyes to see Him for who He truly is.

## Give Background & Context:

As Mark's Gospel unfolds, Jesus reveals His authority through His teaching, miracles, and forgiveness of sins. By demonstrating power over demons, disease, and sin, Jesus shows He is more than a teacher or miracle worker. He is the Son of God.

- Read Mark 1:21–28
  - The crowd is amazed by Jesus' teaching, but the demon immediately recognizes who He is. What contrast do you see between the crowd's response and the demon's response?
  - Why do you think Mark places Jesus' authority in teaching and His authority over demons side by side?
  - The people leave talking about Jesus' power, but not necessarily His identity. Why is it possible to be impressed by Jesus without fully trusting Him?
- Read Mark 1:29–45
  - As Jesus moves from person to person, what do you learn about His heart toward those who are hurting or overlooked?
  - Why might it be significant that Jesus repeatedly touches people before healing them?
  - The leper says, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." What does that statement reveal about his understanding of Jesus?
  - How does this passage challenge the way we view or engage people who are struggling, isolated, or broken.
- Read Mark 2:1–12
  - Imagine being in the room when the roof starts coming apart. What does the determination of these friends teach us about faith?
  - Why do you think Jesus addressed the man's sin before addressing his paralysis?
  - The religious leaders correctly understood that only God can forgive sins. Where do they go wrong in their response to Jesus?
  - How does this miracle move beyond proving Jesus has power and begin proving who Jesus is?
- Sermon Reflection Questions
  - The crowds were amazed by Jesus, but amazement is not the same as faith. What is the difference between being impressed by Jesus and truly following Him?
  - Everyone in these stories believed Jesus could do something powerful. Why is believing Jesus can help you different from believing He is the Son of God?
  - The determination of the paralytic's friends demonstrates a willingness to do whatever it takes to bring someone to Jesus. What might that kind of faithfulness look like in our lives and relationships?
  - The sermon concluded with the question: "Do you see what Jesus can do, or do you know who He is?" Why is that distinction so important, and how would you answer it personally?