

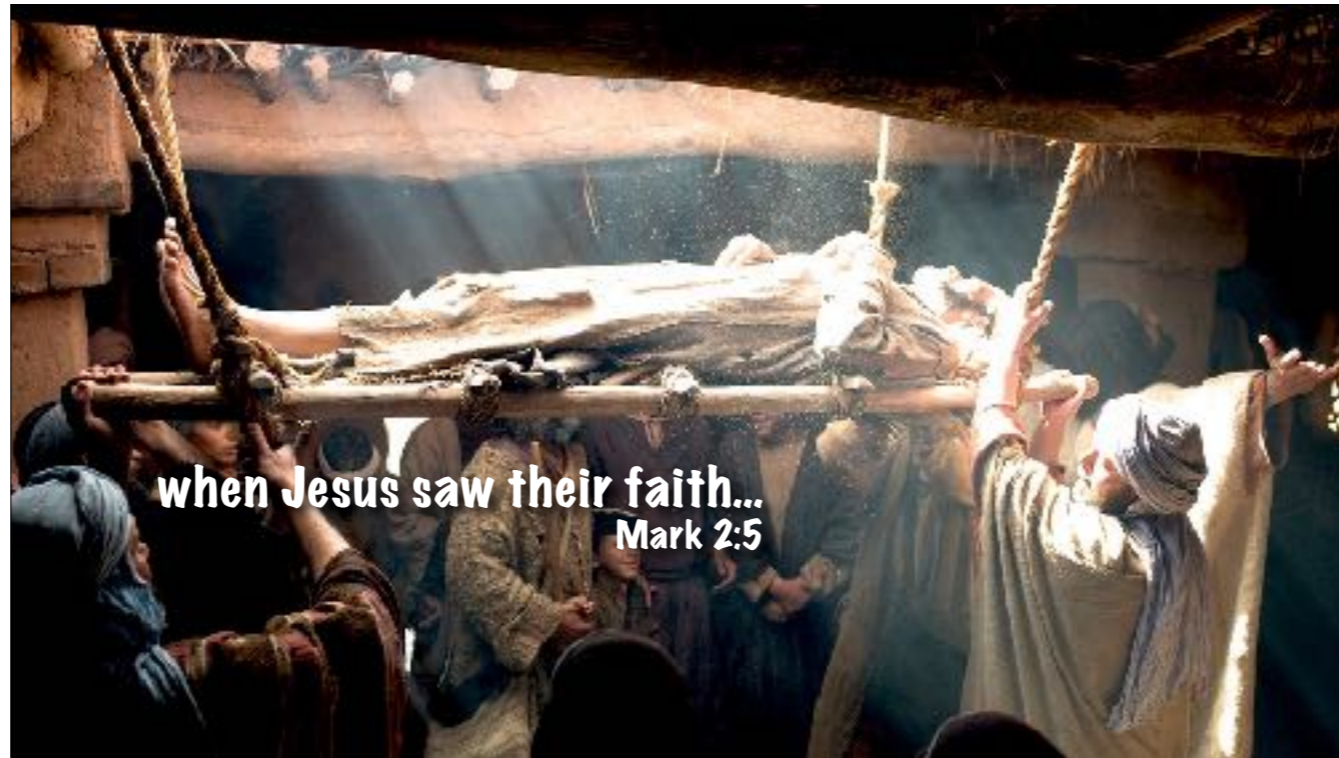


- When is seeing a man walk extraordinary?
- Amazed by
 - Sunset on Organ mountains
 - Birth of child
 - Extreme sport... climbing up side of rock face without safety rope
 - and that's a good thing!

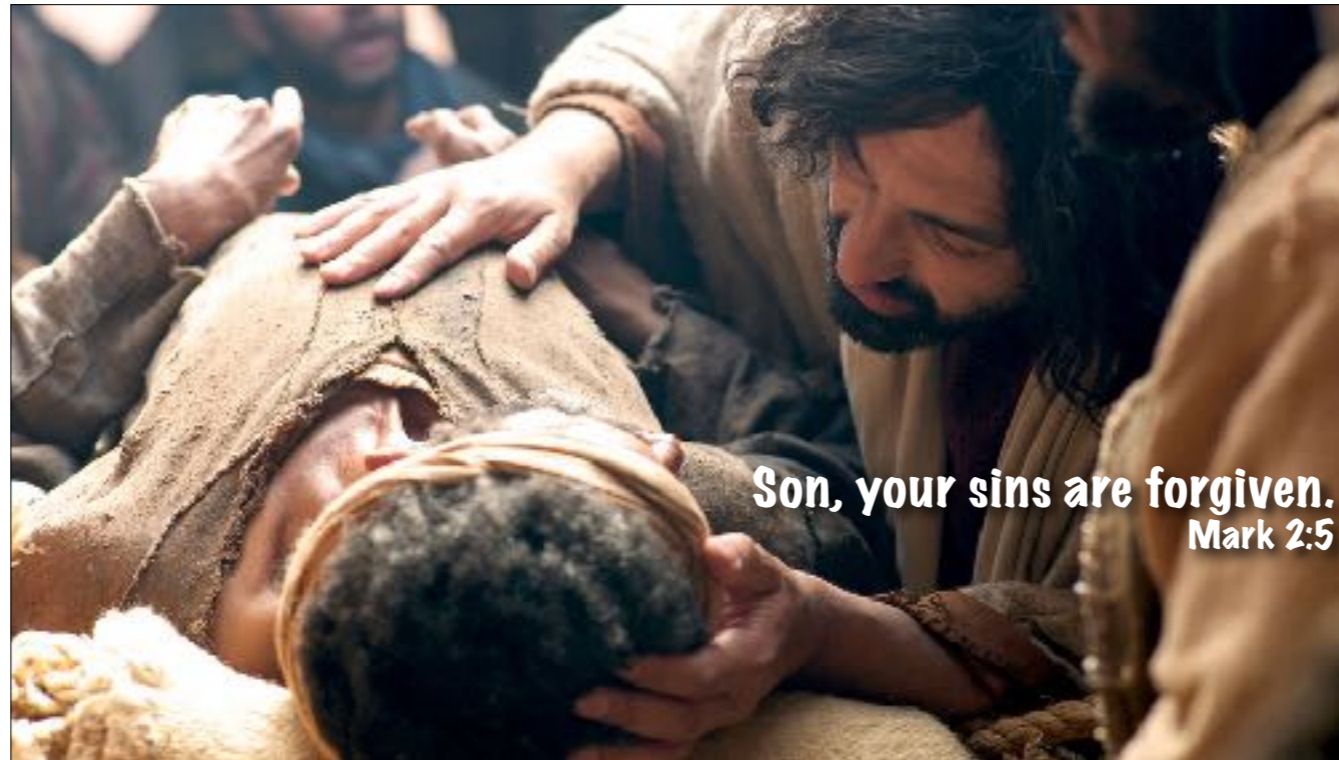




- paralyzed
 - g3886. παραλύω paralyō; — feeble, sick of the (taken with) palsy.
 - suffering from the relaxing of the nerves, unstrung, weak of limb
 - tottering, weakened, feeble knees



- when Jesus saw their faith
 - How did he see their faith?
 - Bringing the sick man to him.
 - Working diligently to get to Jesus
 - Didn't let obstacles keep them from Jesus



- Son, your sins are forgiven
 - Matthew: “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”
- Thayer: g0863. ἀφίημι aphīēmi; to send forth, in various applications (as follow):
 - to send away
 - to let go, give up a debt, forgive, to remit



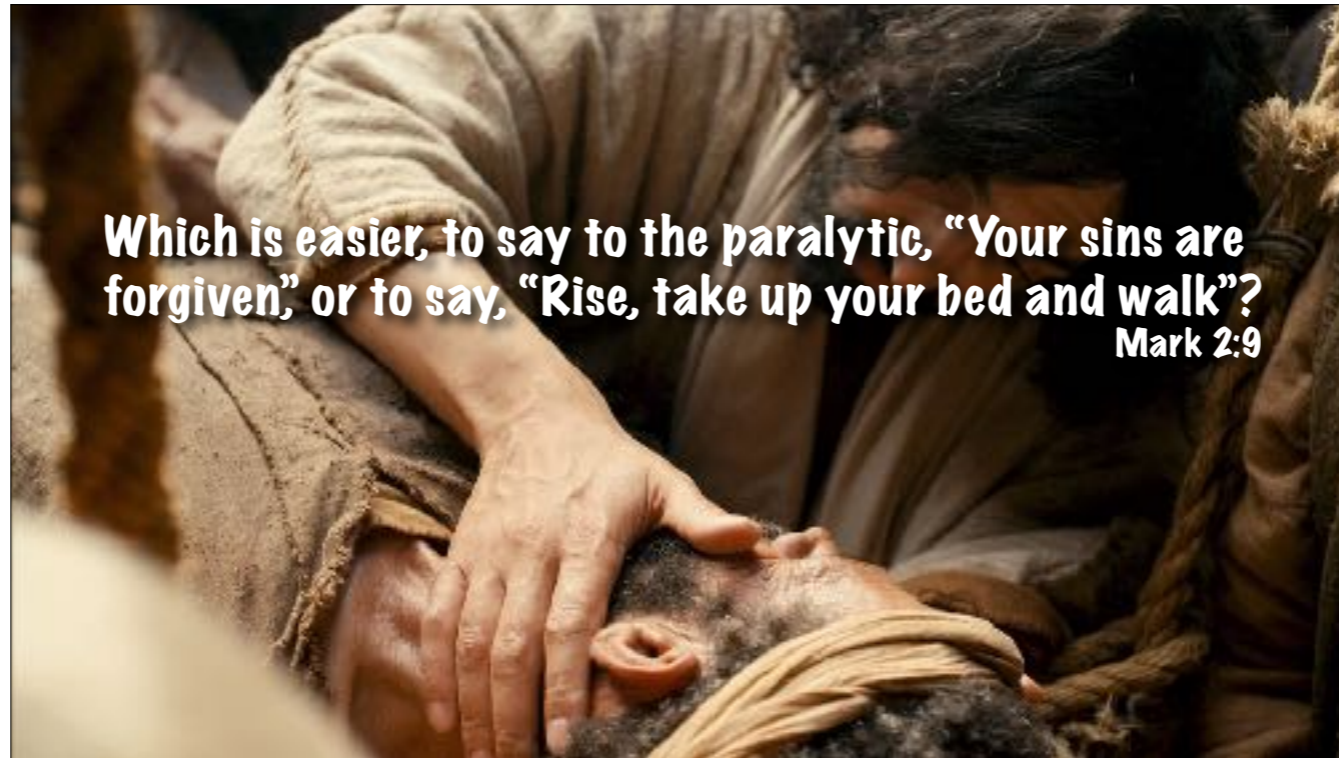
- Visually, nothing as changed.



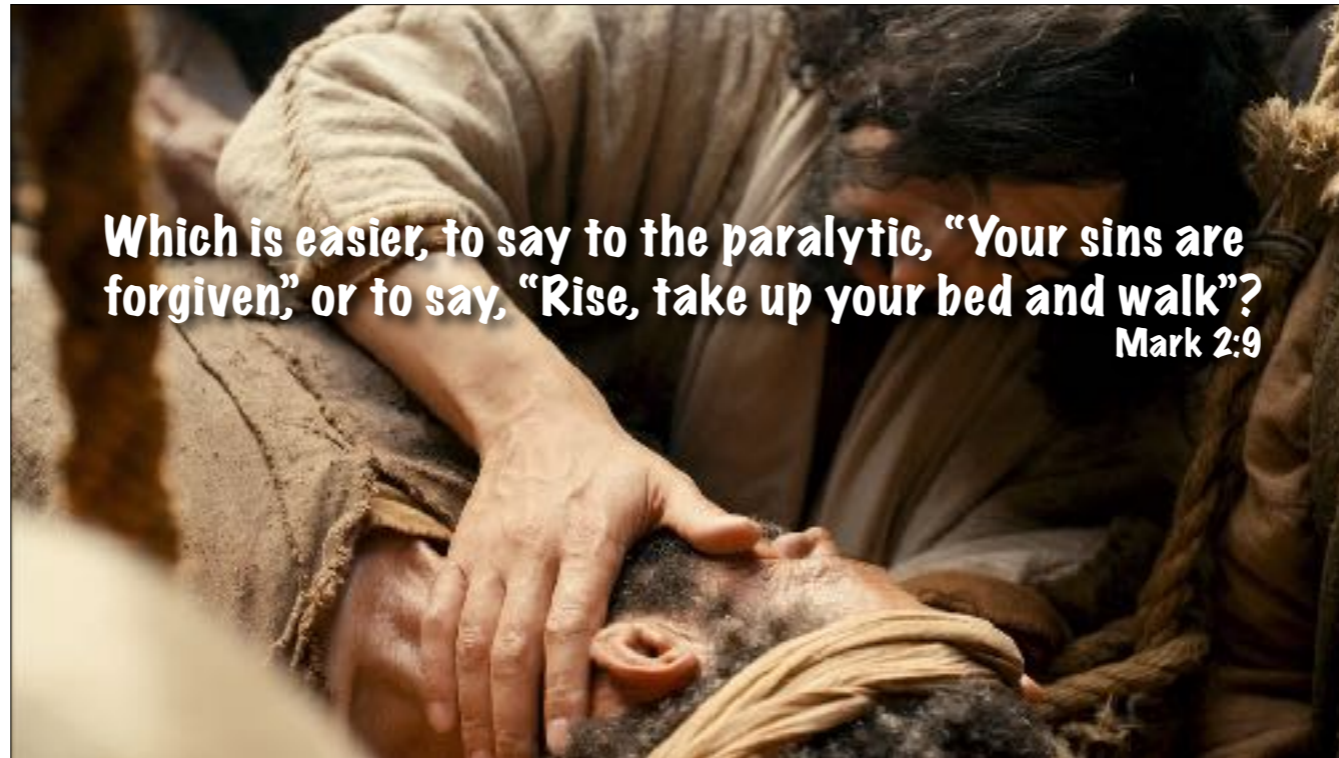
- Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
 - Anyone can claim to forgive sins...
 - Don’t see a sudden halo over the head of the forgiven one.
 - They are correct... only God can really forgive sins
 - our sins are against God.
 - Psalms 51:4: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.



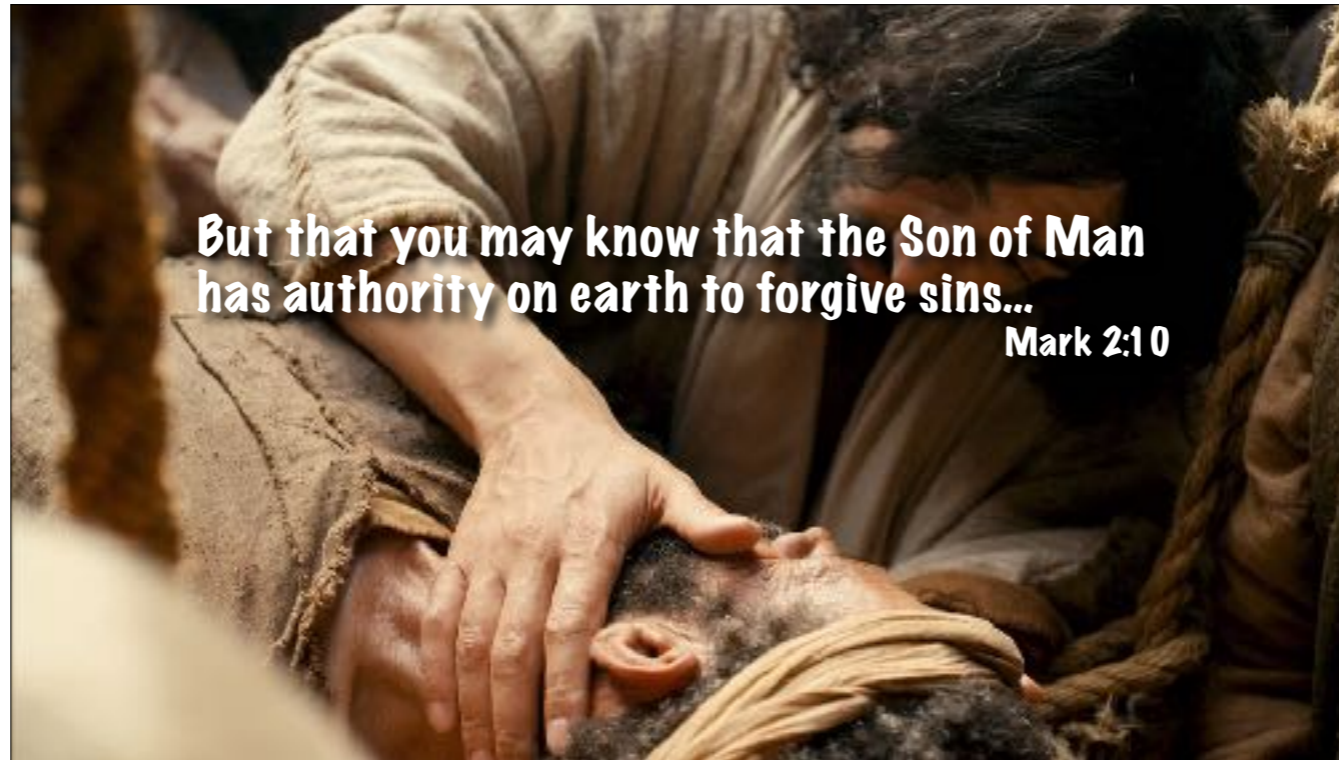
- That's really a key to this passage!
 - They didn't understand who Jesus really was...
 - Teaching/ prophet
 - Healing/miracles: prophet (Elijah)
 - God
 - How could it be?



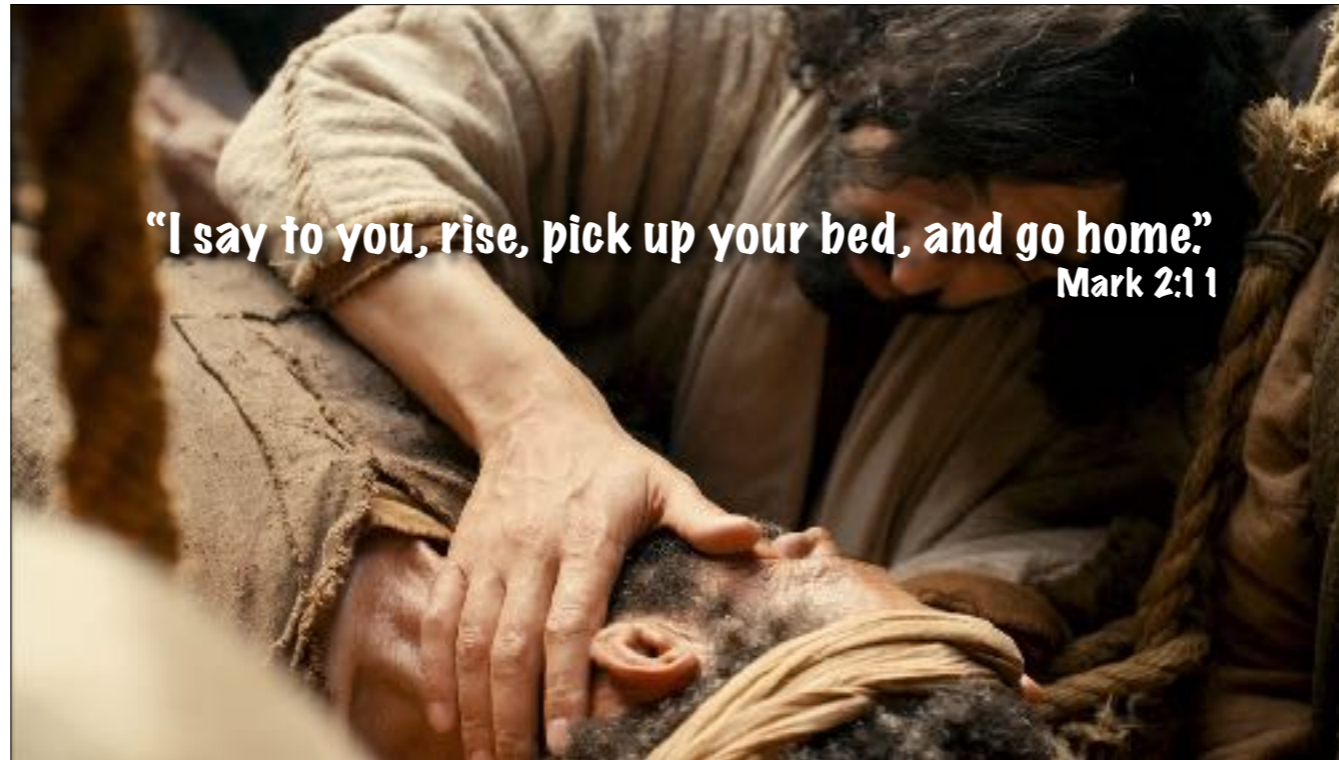
- 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?
- Easier to see a paralyzed man walk suddenly.
 - For man to heal a paralytic... very complicated
 - surgery, spine, nerves, muscle, skeletal
 - often still can't do it!
- Jesus implies by putting these two things in conjunction that they are equally easy for him to accomplish.
 - Because man walked, people knew he was forgiven.



- Power over Nature (because He is the creator of nature, man)
 - serious body problem
- Power over Sin
 - because He is Deity
 - because He is merciful and gracious
 - God who cares
 - deals with real problem, worst issue first.
- Power to Restore Relationship



- 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—



- 11 “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”



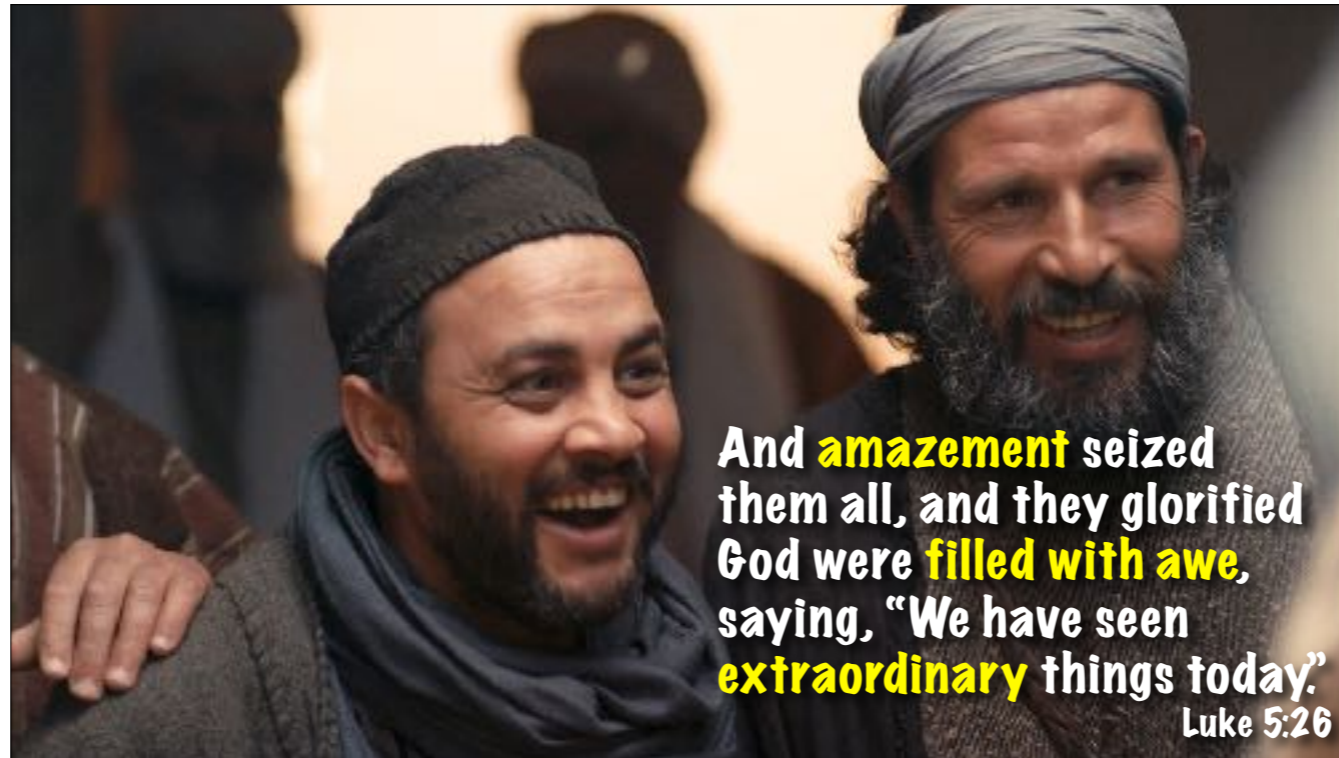
And he rose and immediately
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Mark 2:12

- 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all
 - Luke: 25 And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, **glorifying God.**



- 12 so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"
- Luke: 26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."



- Amazed:
 - Thayer: g1839. ἐξίστημι existēmi; to amaze, to astonish, throw into wonderment
- Amazement seized them all (Lk)
 - 1611 from 1839: (Olive Tree Enhanced Strong's Dictionary) amazement, the state of one who, either owing to the importance or the novelty of an event, is thrown into a state of blended fear and wonderment

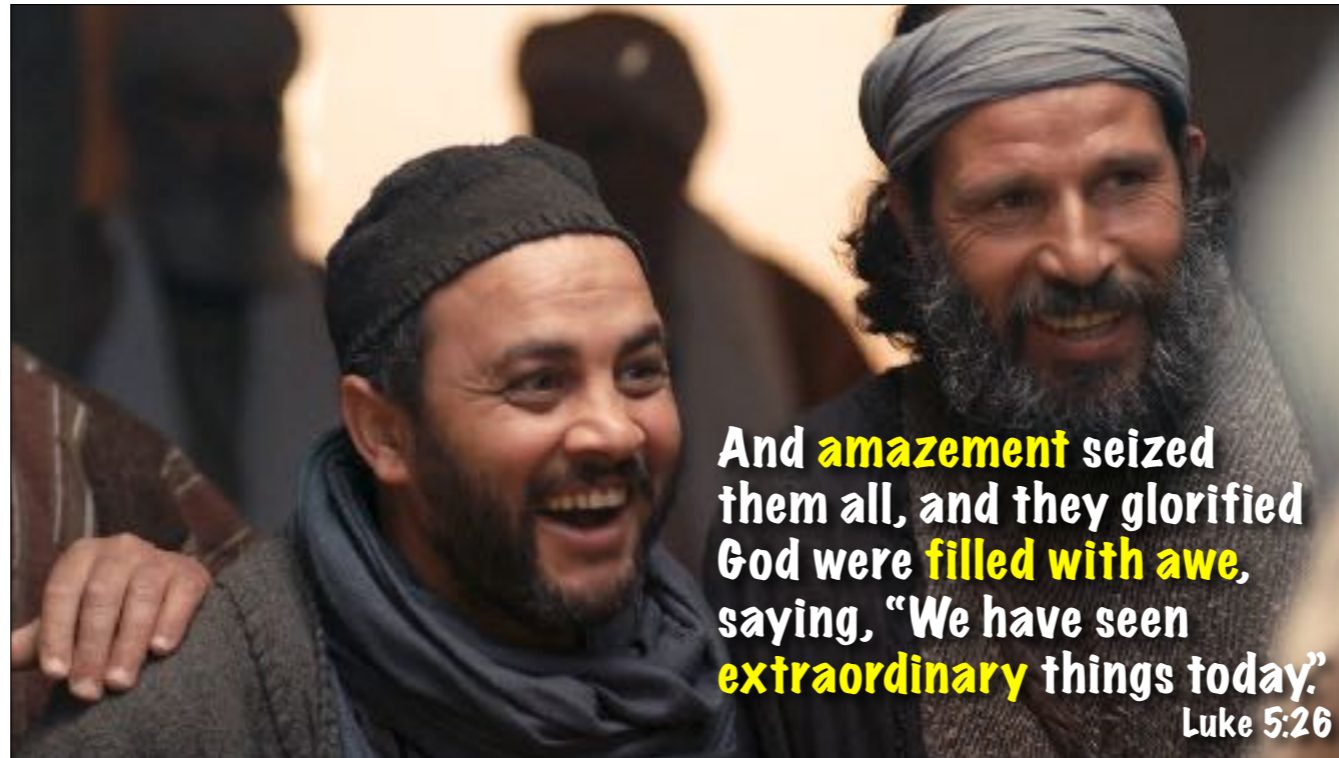


- Afraid (Matthew 9:8)
 - Thayer: g5399. φοβέω phobeō;
 - to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm
 - of those startled by strange sights or occurrences
 - of those struck with amazement
- filled with awe (Lk)
 - g5401. φόβος phobos; alarm or fright: — be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror



- Extraordinary

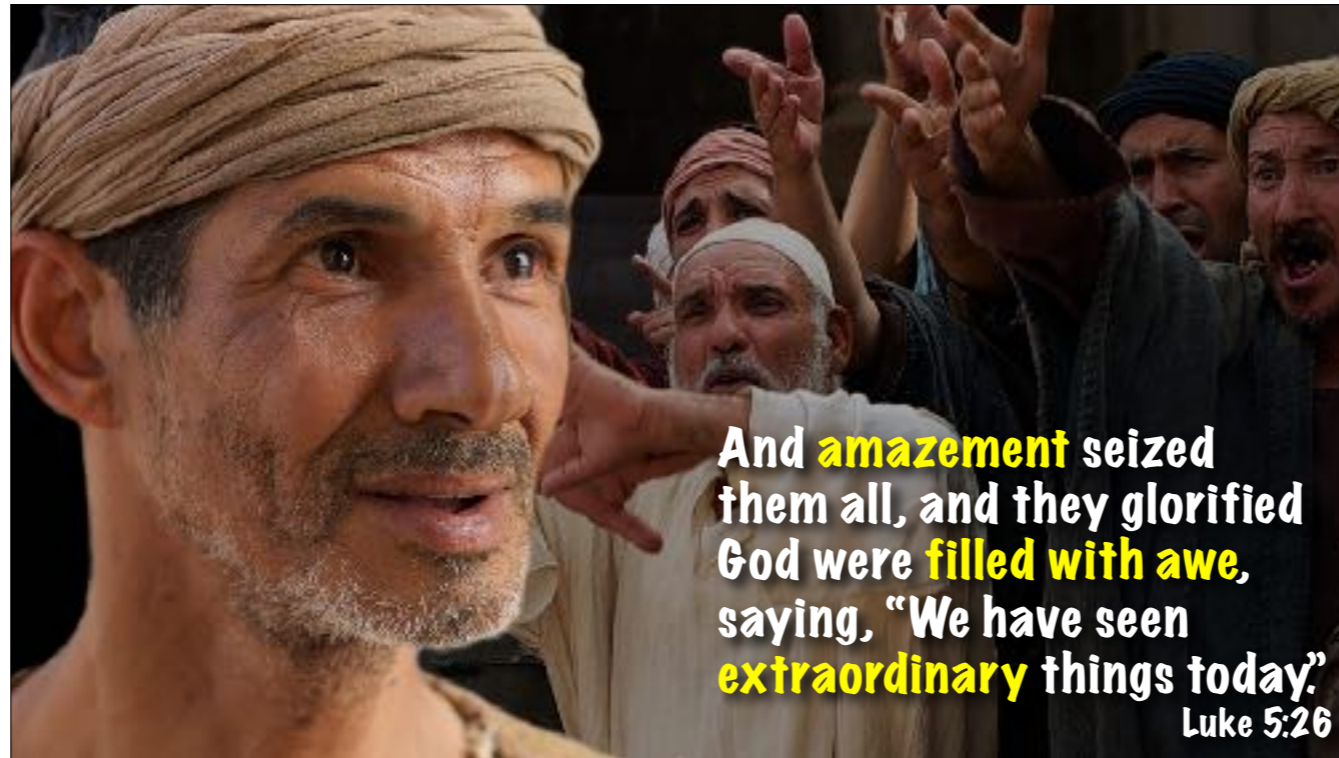
- g3861: paradoxos; contrary to expectation, i.e. extraordinary ("paradox"): — strange.
 - unexpected, uncommon, incredible, wonderful
- (CWSB Dictionary) In Luke 5:26, used to express new things, miracles not yet seen as of that time (cf. Mark 2:12) and thus surpassing all the opinions and expectations of men.
- (TDNT - Abridged) παράδοξος. This word, which is common in secular Greek for 'an unusual event contrary to belief or expectation,' occurs in the NT only in Lk. 5:26, in the ordinary sense, to denote the unusual element in the works done by Jesus. [G. KITTEL, II, 242-55]



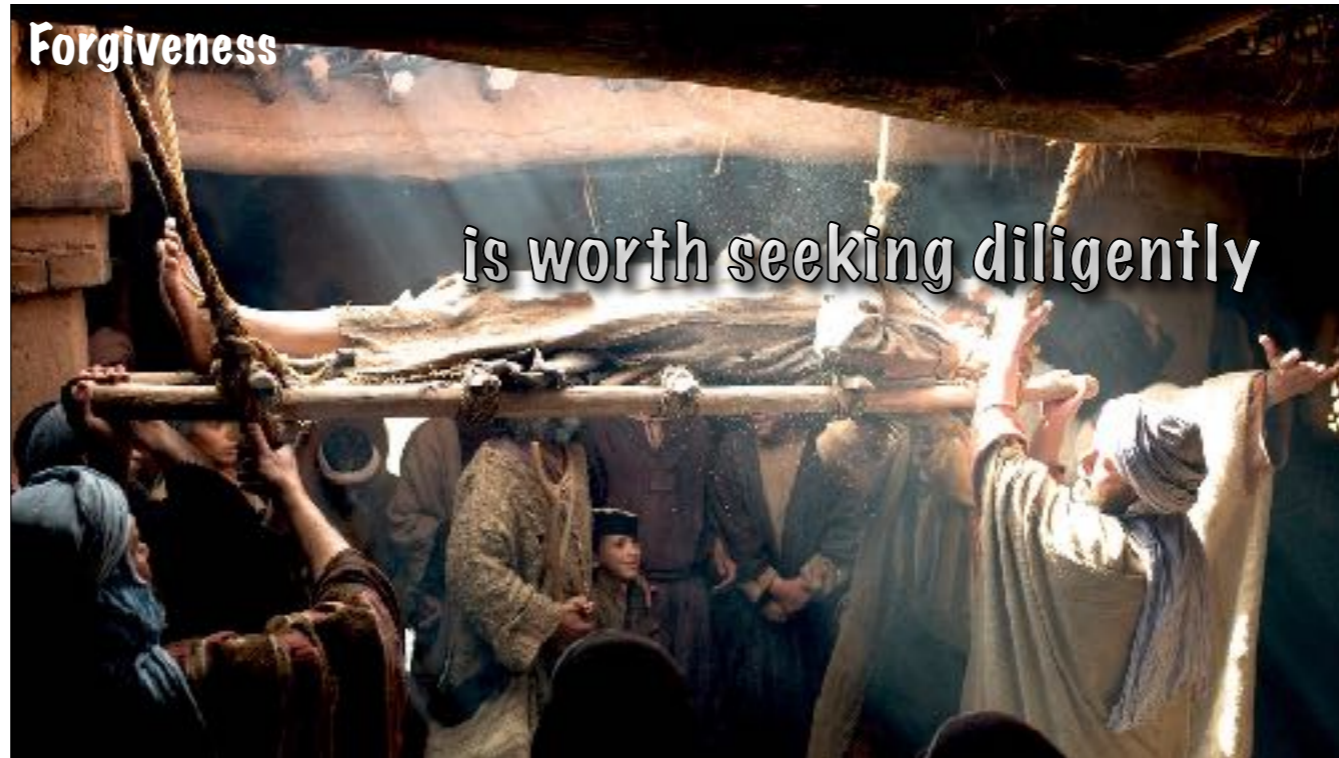
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- Healing of body?
- Forgiveness of sins?



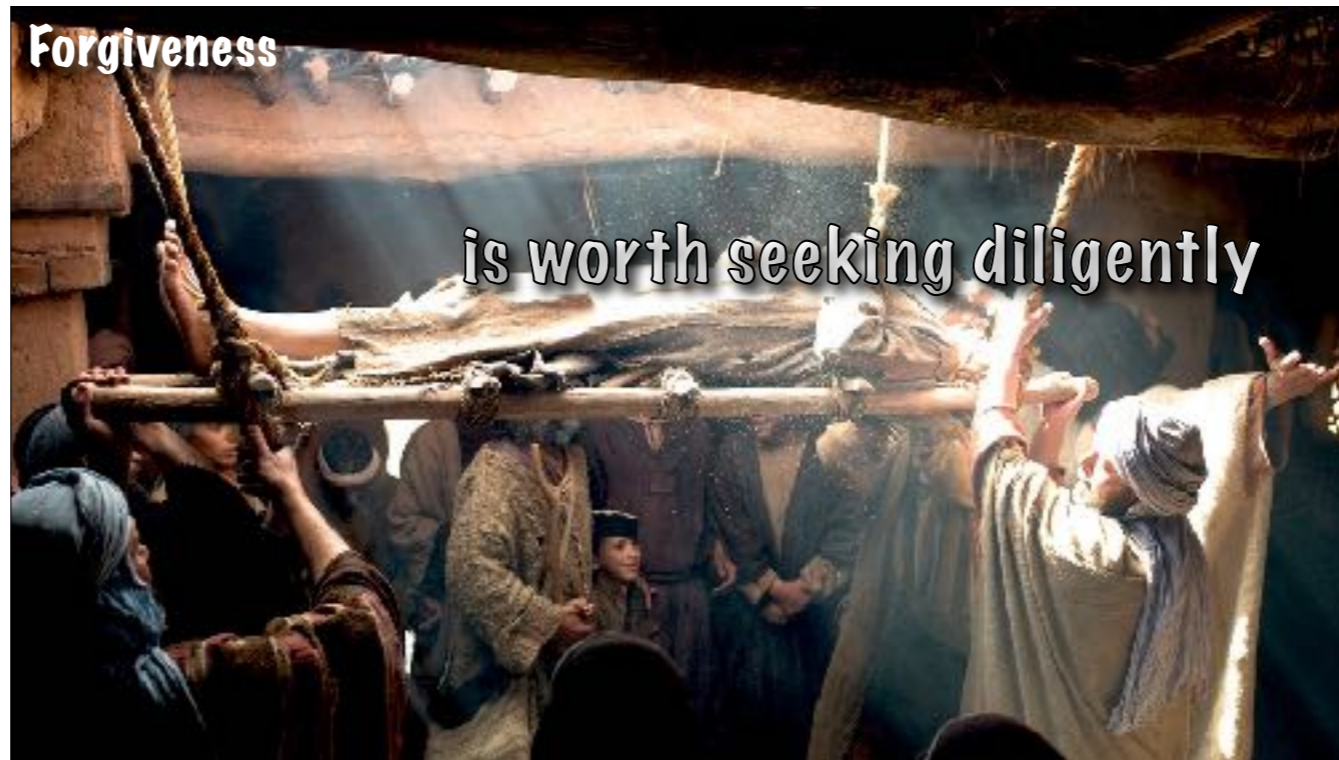
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- But the Day of Atonement
 - Yearly feast
 - Nation gathered for forgiveness of sins
 - Sacrifices for the nation
 - The rituals of that day were well known, very visual
 - One goat for sacrifice
 - One goat as scapegoat (Azazel), sent into wilderness
 - Sins forgiven
- But they hadn't seen anything like this: healing → forgiveness
- And don't we have the same problem:
 - We are accustomed to talking about forgiveness: but we can't SEE it.



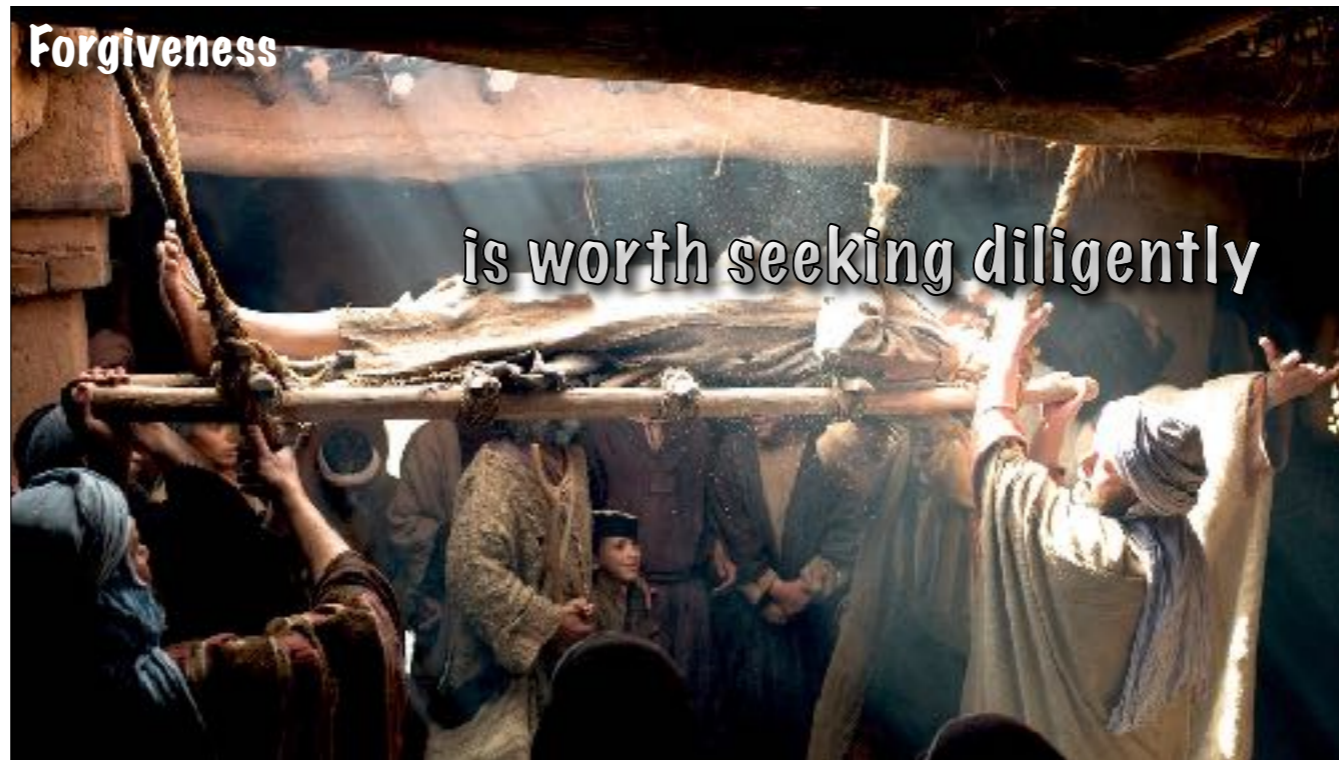
- Amazement, fear and awe, extraordinary
- The paralyzed man walking!
- The sinful man forgiven!
- Really cannot separate these two...
 - Too often we are amazed by the physical (more obvious)
 - Not enough amazed by the spiritual
 - All of this man's sins were completely and utterly forgiven!
 - Reconciled with God, Hope of Heaven
 - Burden of guilt, regret, remorse: removed



- Forgiveness is worth seeking diligently
- Sin cripples us, it is a burden, it is illness
 - Psalms 32:3-4 (ESV) 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah



- Psalms 38:3-4 (ESV) 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- Matthew 8:17 (ESV) 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.” (from Isaiah 53... spiritual)



- When really sick, we find a way\ to get to a doctor
- find a way around crowds
 - find a way in to Jesus
 - Contrast those who choose not to seek Jesus because they are just too bad, or they think it's not worth it.
 - Not just worth it... necessary! Our only hope.
 - forgiveness:
 - amazing,
 - awesome
 - extraordinary



- Faith
 - Why did these men seek Jesus?
 - They sought Jesus because there was no other solution
 - But more than that
 - Previous miracles, stories
 - He could do it!



- Sometimes we struggle with our forgiveness.
 - Do you really trust Jesus to do what is best for you?
 - A beautiful gift is offered to us, but we don't really accept it.
 - Am I REALLY forgiven? I don't feel forgiven, I still feel guilt, regret.
 - failure to trust Jesus:
 - He can do it.
 - He wants to do it.

Forgiveness

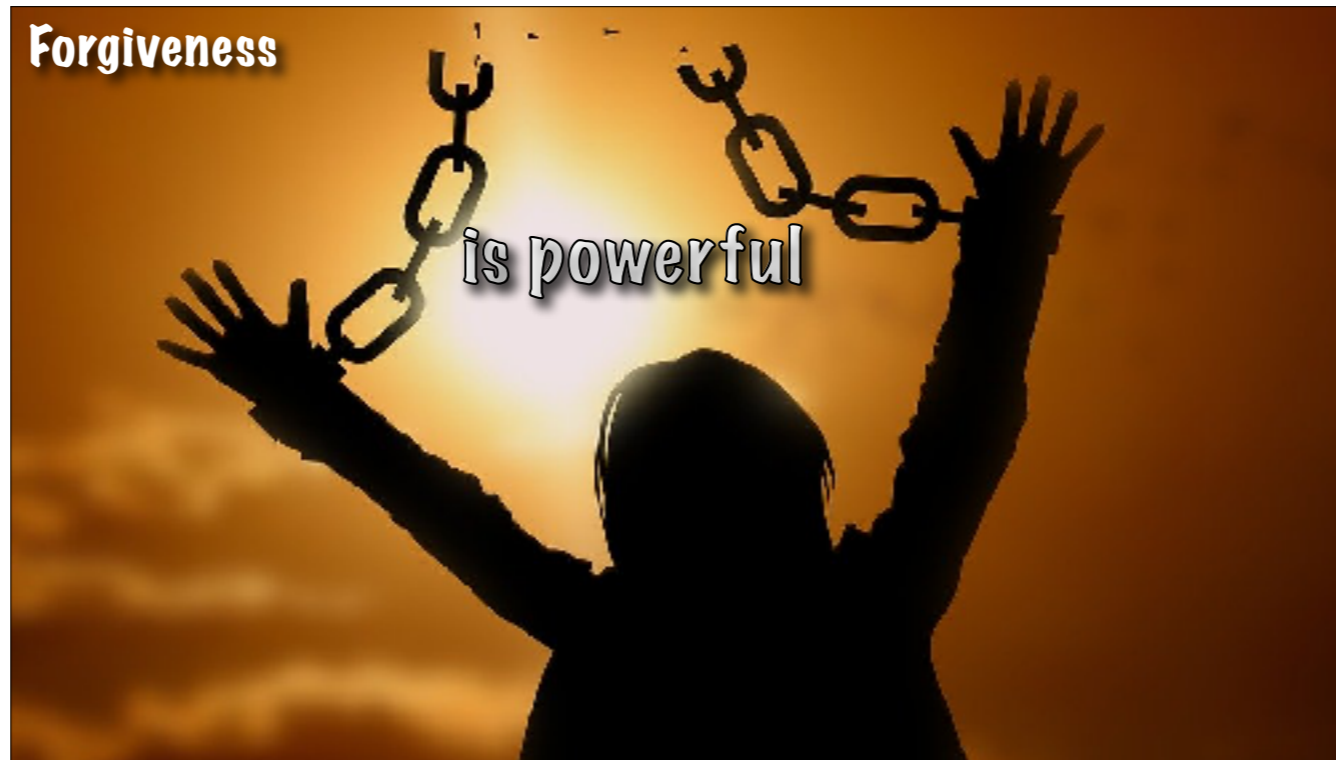
is surprising



- Surprising/Gracious: looks with favor
 - Came for immediate, physical problem
 - Jesus provided more and something more important



- "Take heart" (Mt. 9:2)
 - Forgiveness gives us courage
 - Forgiveness helps us to overcome our diseases, defeats, depression



- Authority/Power
 - The forgiveness is REAL.
 - Not just words, or platitudes, or empty assurances
 - (ESV SB Notes) An OT prophet might declare, "The Lord also has put away your sin" (2 Sam. 12:13).
 - Jesus, however, claims to be able to forgive sins directly, as God alone can.

Forgiveness

is amazing



- Are we amazed by our forgiveness?
- Or do we forget?
- Have we never seen anything like this before?



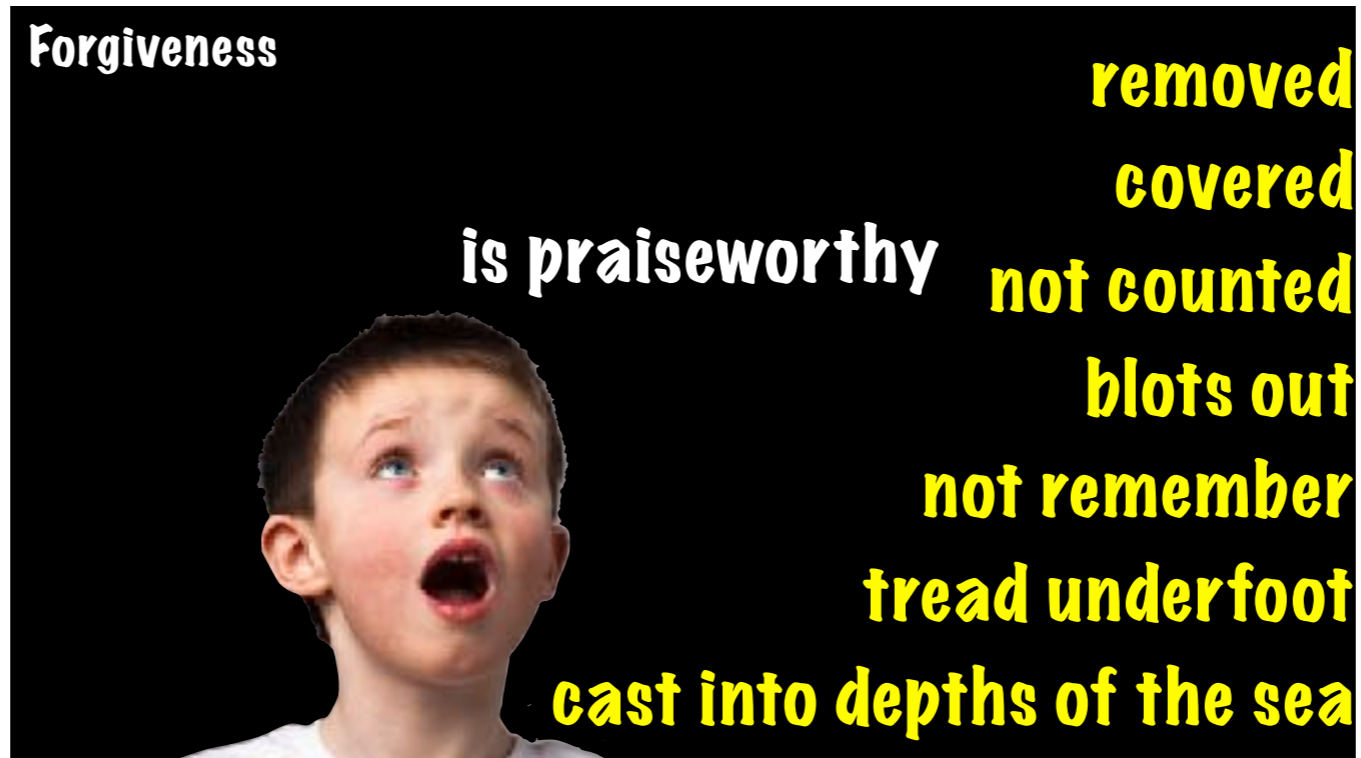
- Psalms 103:12 as far as the east is from the west, **so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
 - Compassion like a father
 - 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- Psalms 32:1-2 (ESV) 1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose **sin is covered**
 - 2 Blessed is the man against whom the **Lord counts no iniquity**, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.



- Isaiah 43:25 (ESV) 25 “I, I am he who **blots out your transgressions** for my own sake, and **I will not remember your sins.**
- Micah 7:19 (ESV) 19 He will again have compassion on us; **he will tread our iniquities underfoot.** You will **cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**



- Amazed by the extraordinary forgiveness of sins?
- Not about me, my sins, how bad
- It's about God
 - compassion
 - love



- praiseworthy
 - Lk. 5:25: went home, glorifying God
 - they glorified God
- No man can do this: healing or forgiveness
 - Men tend to hold grudges, hold against or over others.
 - Claim that it's forgiven, but it seems to always be there.
- Only God!



- is life changing
 - This man walked away
 - on two legs that hadn't worked
 - without sin
 - We can walk away
 - free from sin and guilt
 - whole in spirit
 - reconciled to God: His child!



- Jesus made forgiveness easy
 - His own sacrifice
 - If you want forgiveness,
 - seek the One who has authority/power to forgive you!
 - seek the One who wants to forgive you
- What he asks of me (Seeking Him means)
 - Baptism
 - We can't see the forgiveness happening.



- Jesus has made it easier for me to Forgive others
 - Struggle. Why?
 - Over complicate it?
 - What they did to me.
 - Consequences.
 - My feelings, emotions.
 - I can forgive because I am forgiven.
 - because I know how extraordinary forgiveness is to receive
 - I long to forgive so that others can enjoy real forgiveness also.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Extraordinary Things

Mark 2:1-12

Synopsis: A reminder that forgiveness is an extraordinary thing. When God forgives us, completely, it is heals us and brings us back into a relationship with God. When we forgive each other, it is an extraordinary thing too.

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