

Church Matters

Mark 2:1-12

Mark 2:1

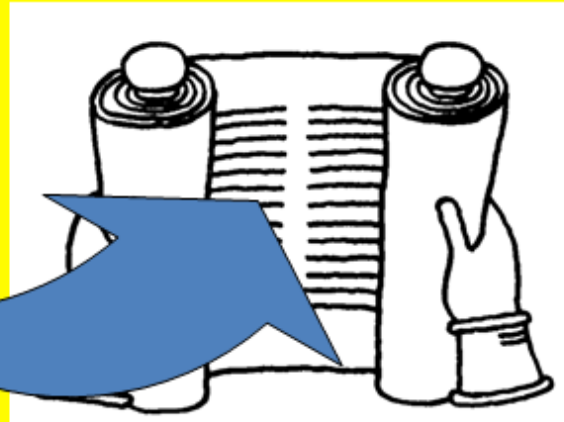
A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people **heard** that he had come home.

1. Preaching Matters

Mark 2:2

They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he **preached** the **word** to **them**.

**God
Breathed**



Inspiration

**Inspiration from
God.**



From the author's cultural perspective, communicating God's Word to the culture of the original audience.

**Truths that transcend
time and
space.**

Trying to understand from our own contemporary cultural perspectives.



2. Relationships Matter

Mark 2:3

Some men came, bringing to him
a **paralyzed man, carried** by
four of them.

Mark 2:4

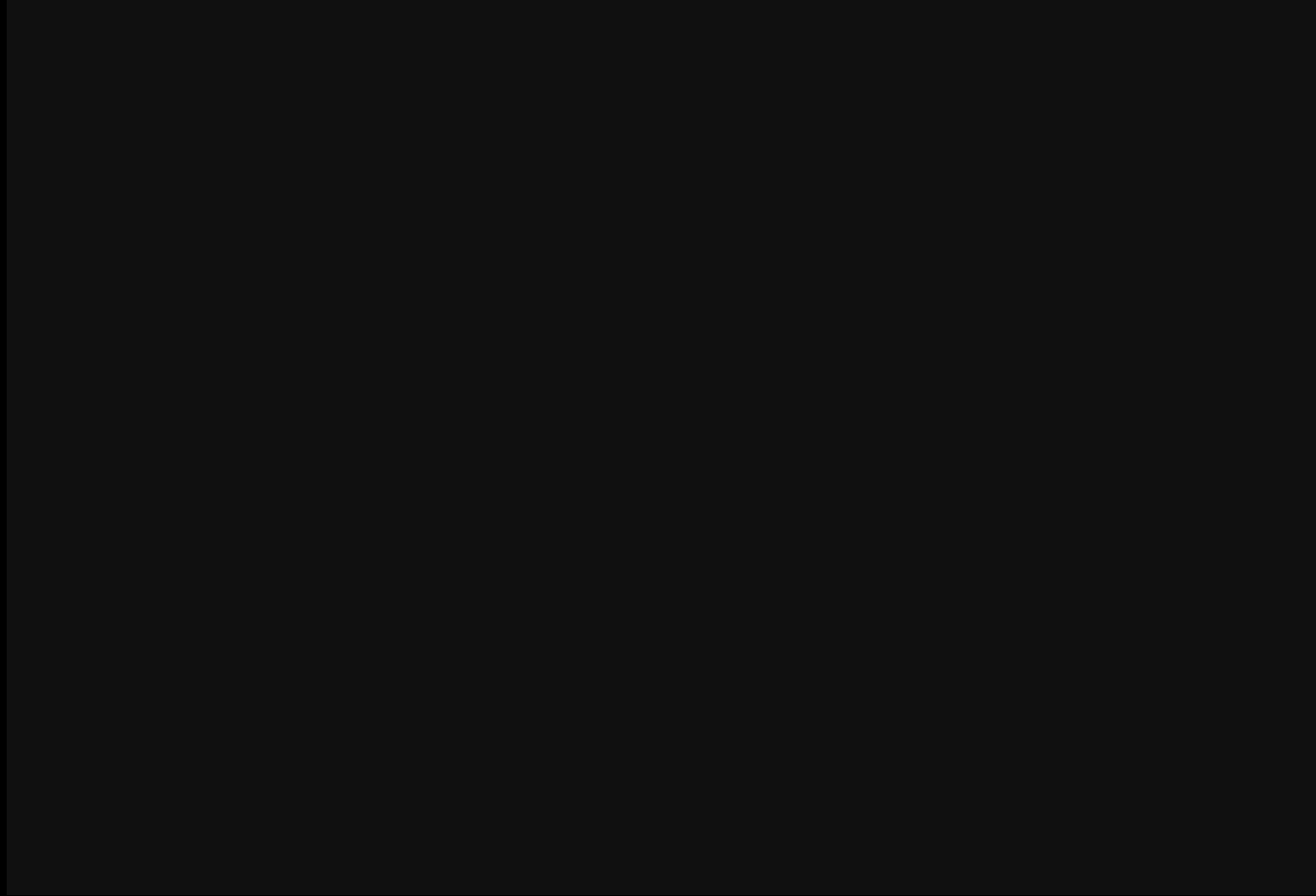
Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an **opening in the roof above** Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

3. Needs Matter

Mark 2:5

When Jesus saw their **faith**, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, **your sins are forgiven.**”

The Church and the Grocery Store



4. Education Matters

Mark 2:6-7

Now **some teachers of the law** were sitting there, **thinking** to themselves,
7“Why does this fellow talk like that?
He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive
sins but God alone?”

Mark 2:8

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were **thinking** in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you **thinking** these things?”

5. God's Power Matters

Mark 2:9

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?

Mark 2:10

But I want you to know that the Son of Man has **authority** on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man,

Mark 2:11-12

“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them **all**. This amazed everyone and they **praised God**, saying, **“We have never seen anything like this!”**

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1. **Preaching** Matters
2. **Relationships** Matter
3. **Needs** Matter
4. **Education** Matters
5. **God's Power** Matters

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Go **Tell** Someone **Why**
Church Matters!