

Who Has Authority?

Key Text: Mark 2:1-12

(Matthew 4:18-25, 8:2-17, 9:1-17; Mark 1:16-2:22; Luke 4:31-5:39)

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1. Jesus returns to Galilee.
2. The 40,000 ft. view
 - a. Jesus prays
 - b. Calling of Levi
 - c. Miraculous healings
3. A closer look at the healing of a paralyzed man (Mark 2:1-12)
 - a. The account
 - b. The result
 - c. The focus
4. Challenge
 - a. What is your response?
 - b. Different responses
 - i. C _____
 - ii. C _____
 - iii. C _____ in great need
 - iv. C _____

It really comes down to how you answer the question that is at the core of this passage: who has authority to forgive sin?

Discussion

1. Read Mark 2:1-12 (or Matthew 9:1-17 or Luke 5:17-26). Which character do you most identify with? Why? What do you learn from this account?
2. What are some of the things the disciples may have learned as they walked with Jesus during this time?
3. How do you account for the many miracles recorded in this section of the Bible?
4. What is the significance of Jesus saying, "your sins are forgiven"? (Mark 2:5, Matthew 9:2, Luke 5:20). How does this affect your relationship with Jesus?