

**IMPROVED  
UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL Lesson**  
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Lesson for January 30

**MINISTERING TO SPIRITUAL  
NEEDS**

LESSON TEXT—Mark 2:1-12.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Son, thy sins are for-  
given—Mark 2:5.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—When the House Was  
Crowded.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Who Can Forgive Sin?  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC  
—Bringing People to Christ.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—  
Christianity's Concern for Spiritual Health.

Man is so constantly concerned with his physical nature, the needs and interests of his body, that he is prone to forget that there is within him a spiritual nature which is in fact his real self. The body which is the temporary dwelling place of the soul is most important—but relatively it is of but slight significance when considered alongside of the spiritual life of man.

Our lesson presents the Lord Jesus as being rightly concerned with the needs of the palsied man's body, but his act of healing was incidental to the infinitely more important act of forgiving his sins. Consider him, for his was indeed

**I. A Hopeless Case (v. 3).**  
Incurably afflicted and helpless physically, but far more deeply afflicted spiritually was this poor man, for he was still in his sins. No man was able to heal his body, only God could heal his soul. He was indeed hopeless until he met Jesus. He knows no hopeless case. With God all things are possible, and Jesus Christ is God.

We are even as was this man, for without God we too are without hope (Eph. 2:12). Let us face the facts and admit that unless we are saved through Christ we are eternally and completely lost.

**II. Impossible Conditions (vv. 1, 2, 4).**

We say that the circumstances surrounding this man were such as to make it impossible for him to reach the Lord, for so they would have been apart from the spirit of divine urgency which impelled his helpers to cut through every excuse and brush aside every hindrance.

"Where there's a will there's a way." Had these men been controlled by convention they would never have put their friend at the feet of Jesus. But note that before taking up the roof they tried the door. They tried to use the proper entry, but it was blocked. It often is—sometimes by customs, sometimes by religious ceremony, often by vain philosophy.

**III. Immediate Conversion (v. 5).**

At once Jesus sees their faith and forgives the man his sins. God always welcomes and honors faith. Note that Jesus—who as God had the power to forgive sins—immediately cleansed him from all unrighteousness.

This man's affliction proved to be his greatest blessing. If he had not had the palsy he might never have met the Lord. Suffering properly borne may be a means of grace.

**IV. Secret Criticism (vv. 6, 7).**

What a serious thought it is that the unspoken word which we think we have hidden away in the heart or mind is known to God. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). "There is nothing hid that shall not be known" (Luke 12:2). What does the Lord see when he looks into your heart and mine?

Their theology was faultless—their reasoning was logical, but their premise was wrong. They were right in saying that only God could forgive sin. But they were wrong in assuming that Jesus was not God, and therefore a blasphemer.

**V. Miraculous Confirmation (vv. 8-12).**

Forgiving sins was harder than healing the body, but these enemies of Jesus lived so much in the realm of the physical that they missed that important truth. He meets the challenge of their unbelief by going into their own limited field of observation. They were not able to test the effectiveness of His forgiveness of sins. They did not believe in Him, hence they would not receive it by faith.

Let us remember that the incident took place in the early days of our Lord's ministry. While we do not condone their hostility to the tender and loving service of our Lord to humanity, we can understand and their slowness to accept his claims to divine power. In our day we have no such excuse, for all gospel history is available to us. God help us that we may not sit in the seat of the scornful and "demand a sign" before we will believe.

**Harmonies of Nature**

There are but few souls who perceive how far the harmonies of Nature resound in accordance with ours, and how much the great whole is but one Aeolian harp with longer or shorter strings, slower and quicker movements, breathed upon by the Divine Being before Whom it rests.—Richter.

**Pure Heart and Clear Mind**  
Give me the pure heart, O Lord,  
to feel Thy presence near me. Give  
me the clear mind that understands.

**Red Army Troopers, Too, Voted**



These troopers of the Soviet red army were photographed as they received their ballots to vote in the Molotov election district of Moscow during the recent election in the Soviet, the first election under the new constitution. The man in front is a junior platoon commander.

**Miss Lewis of This  
County Nurses Poor  
Old Wealthy Women**

"With thousands of dollars secreted in rusty old trunks two aged spinsters both believed past 90 have led a weird half starved existence in a wretched two room flat on Second street for more than 30 years," such is the lead to an interesting story appearing in the January 4, edition of the Washington Herald.

Adjacent to the story is a photograph showing Roberta Hale, one of the 90-year old spinsters a patient at Gallinger hospital attended by Nurse Louise Lewis, who is shown taking pulse beats. Nurse Lewis, now in training at the Washington hospital, is a native of Marshallberg, this county. She is a sister of Mrs. Harold Willis of Beaufort.

The Washington Herald story continued: "One of the sisters slept on a tattered mattress stuffed with newspapers, while the other slept on the bare springs—yet so numerous were the currency bills found in the crude furnished flat that they could have literally been piled high, and furnished bedding for both.

"Through all the years that this money was being accumulated and hidden, the sisters, Olivia and Roberta Hale were supported by a \$40 monthly check from the Southern Relief Society and donations from friends, relatives and other charitable organizations. So abject and miserable was the existence of these sisters that it had never occurred to any of the people aiding them that an untouched fortune lay within their rooms. But for the strange coincidence of two accidents that befell the sisters, the weird tale of their Midas-like existence might not have come to light until after their death.

"Ten days ago, 'The Herald' story continued, Roberta was burned on the left shoulder when a candle she was carrying ignited her clothing, while last week Olivia fell and frac-

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tured her hip. On Thursday a committee from the Relief society visited the sisters and found them both in bed. . . .

They were taken to Gallinger Hospital, and later the story of their wealth was disclosed. . . . The photograph of Roberta Hale lying in the hospital bed, had an interesting angle which is of interest to readers of The Beaufort News. The second person in the photograph was Student Nurse Louise Lewis of Marshallberg whose photograph has been printed in newspapers throughout the country.

**"Safe Driving"  
To Be Taught Pupils**

Realizing the necessity for the schools to do something about the rising tide of automobile accidents and highway fatalities, the State School Authorities have provided that a course in the proper handling and driving of automobiles, and drivers' responsibilities in observing road regulations, be taught in the high schools of the State. In compliance with this provision a course in "Safe Driving" will be offered to the High School Seniors of Beaufort High School. This course will be taught by Principal R. E. Miller, and will begin immediately after mid-term examinations are over, on Monday, January 24.

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ty Agents Association at the recent extension conference at State College.

Extension work was organized for the primary purpose of increasing the income of the individual farmer and that remains the purpose until this day, said Dr. J. A. Evans, speaking at the recent conference of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

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