

# The Gospel of Mark– Session 3

## Week of 5-5-19



### Introduction

What's the most outlandish or crazy claim you've ever seen someone make?

### Watch

Watch "The Gospel of Mark by Francis Chan" – Session #3 on [Rightnowmedia.com](http://Rightnowmedia.com) (10 Minutes)

### Start with Scripture

Read Mark 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When he entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>They came to him bringing a paralytic, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying. <sup>5</sup>Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: <sup>7</sup>"Why does he speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>Right away Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were thinking like this within themselves and said to them, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?<sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat, and walk'? <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he

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told the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I tell you: get up, take your mat, and go home.” <sup>12</sup> Immediately he got up, took the mat, and went out in front of everyone. As a result, they were all astounded and gave glory to God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

## Make it REAL

1. If Jesus showed up one day and said, “Name it and I’ll fix it,” what would you ask from him? Why?
2. What would you have expected from Jesus when the paralytic came down through a hole in the roof? Why?
3. Why do you think the Pharisees responded to Jesus the way they did?
4. If you’re being honest, how big of a deal is your sin? Look back at the things you wrote you’d like Jesus to fix. Where do they rank compared to the sin that separates you from God?

## Prayer

Take prayer request from your group and spend time praying for each other.