JESUS, THE HEALER

Mark 1:40-2:17 Lesson 3

Key Verse: 2:17

1. Who came to Jesus? (1:40a) What does leprosy do to a person? How is this similar to sin? How did the man demonstrate humility and faith in Jesus? (40) How did Jesus respond? (41) What does it mean that he was “indignant”? What do his words “I am willing” mean? Why was his touching the man so radical? What does this say about Jesus?

2. When Jesus said, “Be clean,” what happened? (42) How could his words have done this, and what does this mean to us? (Heb11:3; Jn15:3) What instructions did Jesus give, and how would this “clean bill of health” help the man? (43-44) What does this show us about Jesus? Instead, what did the man do, and what effect did it have? (45)

3. How did people respond to Jesus’ arrival? (2:1-2) What does it mean that he “preached the word” to them, and why did he focus on doing that? (1:15; 2Ti3:15) Despite the many obstacles, what did four men do? (2:3) What can we learn from them about true friendship? How did Jesus respond to them, and what does this tell us about him? (2:5a)

4. What is paralysis like, and how is it like sin? What did Jesus say to the paralytic? (5b) What did it mean for Jesus to call him “Son”? Despite this man’s obvious problem, why did Jesus give him forgiveness? What does this tell us about Jesus and how he sees us?

5. How did some teachers of the law respond? (6-7) How could Jesus have known their thoughts? (8-9) To Jesus, which was harder: to proclaim forgiveness or to heal paralysis? What does it mean that Jesus has “authority on earth to forgive sins?” (10a) What did he finally do, and what effect did it have on the people? (10b-12)

6. Who was Levi? (14a) What did it mean in that culture to be a tax collector? Why did Jesus call him? (14b) Who were eating with him at Levi’s house? (15) Why did these people gather around Jesus, and why was this shocking? (16) How did Jesus answer his critics? (17) What does this mean to us?