

Jesus Forgives Our Sins

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¹ And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

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⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

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⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Jesus Saw Their Faith...

His friends went the “extra mile” for their friend.
(Mark 2:2-5)

Faith- to believe to the extent of complete trust or reliance.

To place our confidence in, and rely upon someone or something.



Your sins are forgiven...

The scribes believed Jesus was committing blasphemy because only God can forgive sins.
(Mk 2:7)

Jesus has the authority to forgive sins.
Jesus is claiming to be God.

Sin and Sickness

A misconception: our sin directly causes our sickness. (See John 9:2-3; The Book of Job)

Sin brought sickness into the world. (Gen 3)

Jesus is restoring what was lost – The Kingdom of God.



Your sins are forgiven...

Jesus makes a declaration. Your sins are forgiven.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



Your sins are forgiven...

This points to Jesus' work on the cross.

Isaiah 53:5–6 ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.