

FORGIVENESS SEEN THROUGH HEALING

MARK 2:1-12

I. Getting People to Jesus. (1-4)

**Mark 2:1 And again he entered
into Capernaum after some
days; and it was noised that he
was in the house.**

**Mark 2:2 And straightway many
were gathered together,
insomuch that there was no
room to receive them, no, not so
much as about the door: and he
preached the word unto them.**

Mark 2:3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

Mark 2:4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

“In order to understand the action these verses describe, it is necessary to visualize the layout of a typical Palestinian peasant’s house. It was usually a small, one-room structure with a flat roof. Access to the roof was by means of an outside stairway.

“The roof itself was usually made of wooden beams with thatch and compacted earth in order to shed the rain. Sometimes tiles were laid between the beams and the thatch and earth placed over them.

“The four men brought the paralytic (v. 3) to the house where Jesus was; but when they saw the size of the crowd, they realized it was impossible to enter by the door.

“So they carried the paralytic up the outside stairway to the roof (v. 4). There they dug up the compacted thatch and earth (no doubt dirt showered down on those inside the house below), removed the tiles, and lowered the man through the now-exposed beams to the floor below.”

II. Jesus Forgives Sin and Upsets the Scribes. (5-7)

**Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw
their faith, he said unto the sick
of the palsy, Son, thy sins be
forgiven thee.**

John 9:1–3

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

**Mark 2:6 But there were
certain of the scribes sitting
there, and reasoning in their
hearts,**

**Mark 2:7 Why doth this man
thus speak blasphemies? who
can forgive sins but God only?**

In Jewish teaching even the Messiah could not forgive sins.

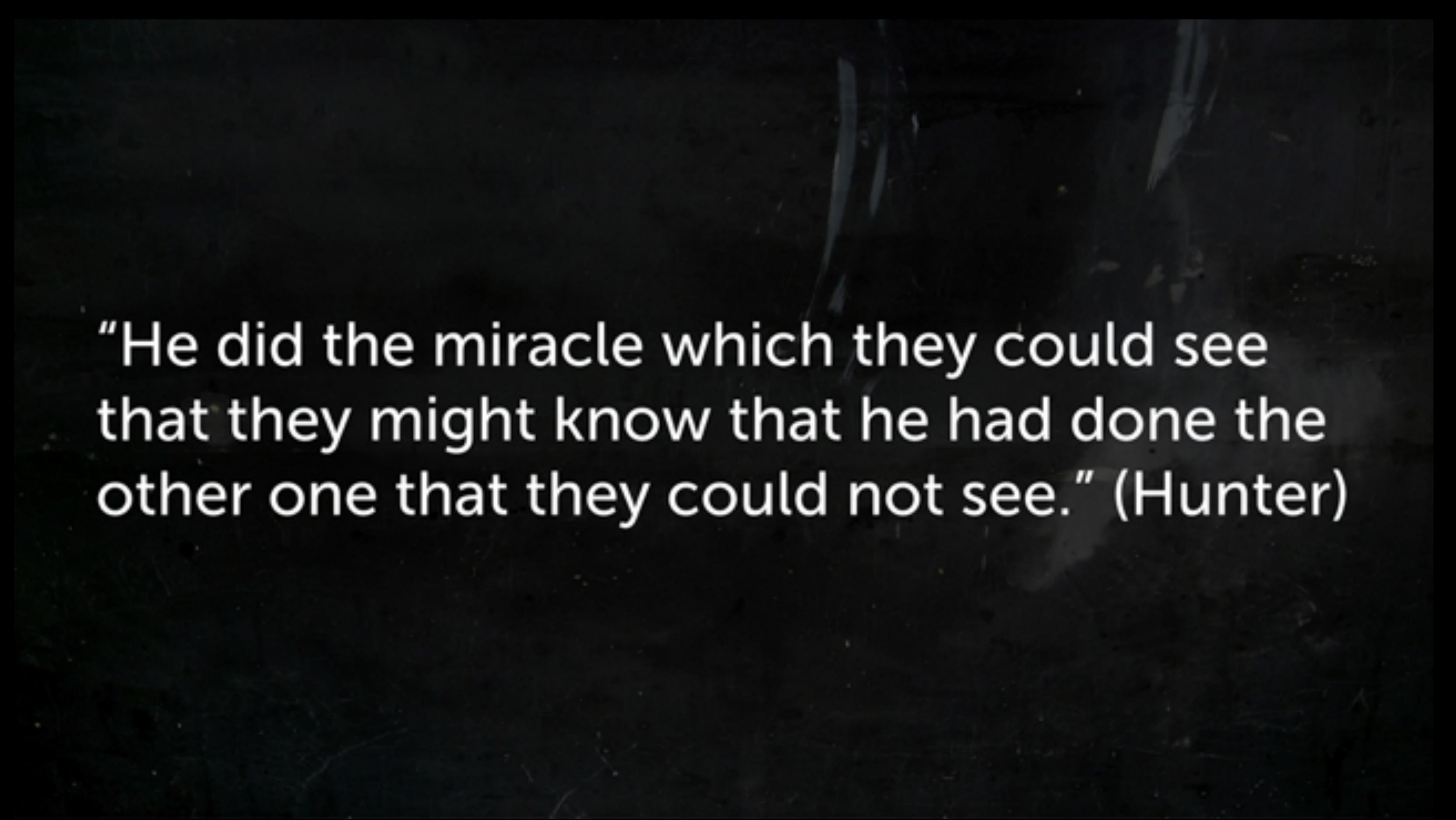
III. Jesus Answers the Scribes and Heals the Paralytic. (8-12)

**Mark 2:8 And immediately
when Jesus perceived in his
spirit that they so reasoned
within themselves, he said unto
them, Why reason ye these
things in your hearts?**

**Mark 2:9 Whether is it easier
to say to the sick of the palsy,
Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to
say, Arise, and take up thy bed,
and walk?**

**Mark 2:10 But that ye may
know that the Son of man hath
power on earth to forgive sins,
(he saith to the sick of the
palsy,)**

**Mark 2:11 I say unto thee,
Arise, and take up thy bed, and
go thy way into thine house.**



“He did the miracle which they could see
that they might know that he had done the
other one that they could not see.” (Hunter)

Mark 2:12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, **We never saw it on this fashion.**