

## The Man Who Was Lowered Through the Roof

Mark 2:1–12

One day Jesus was preaching in a house in the city of Capernaum. The house was so full, there wasn't room for anyone else to get in.

Four people came to see Jesus at that house. They were carrying a man on a bed who had palsy. They wanted Jesus to heal the man.

When they couldn't bring the man in through the doors because of the crowd. Do you think they gave up and took the sick man home? No they didn't. They climbed up on the roof, and made a hole in it, and lowered him down to Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven."

When some of the scribes heard that, they thought to themselves that Jesus didn't have the right to say that, because only God can forgive sins. They didn't know who Jesus was.

Jesus knew their thoughts. He asked them if it was easier to say your sins are forgiven, or to say arise, take up your bed and walk.

So that they would know that He had power to forgive sins, Jesus told the man to arise, and take up his bed, and go home. That's exactly what the man did. When everyone saw the man get up, and take his bed and go on his way, they were all amazed. They glorified God saying they had never seen anything like that.

Jesus does have power to forgive sins. He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. If we believe that in our heart, and ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins, and with His help turn from our sins, when this life is over, we can have a home in heaven.

Search: When the four people carrying the sick man couldn't get in the house, they didn't give up. They lowered the man through the roof. Find 4 faces, a ladder, 2 doors, 2 windows, and a roll of rope hidden in the picture.



