JESUS’ AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS

Mark 2:1-17

Key Verse 2:10a “But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

1. How did the friends of the paralyzed man overcome obstacles to get to Jesus? (3-4) How did Jesus interpret their unconventional and somewhat destructive entrance? (5a) What do Jesus’ words to the paralyzed man suggest about his real problem?

2. How did Jesus answer the doubts and questions of the teachers of the law and what does it reveal about him?

3. How did Jesus prove himself to be the one who has the authority to forgive sins? (10-12a) How did the people respond? (12b)

4. What kind of life did Levi have as a tax collector? (Luke 3:12-13) In what ways were Levi and the paralyzed man similar?

5. Why did Levi follow Jesus so readily? (14c) What did Jesus’ words, “Follow me,” mean to him practically?

6. How did Jesus’ attitude toward sinners and tax collectors differ from that of the Pharisees? (16-17) How do these events illustrate Jesus’ purpose in coming to this world? What does it mean to you?