Mark Lesson 5 (2022)

**“GET UP, TAKE YOUR MAT AND GO HOME.”**

Mark 2:1-12

Key Verse: 2:10-11

**Open it:**

1. What do you think would be most challenging about being paralyzed?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-2. Where did the events of this story take place? What exactly was Jesus doing when the events of this story took place?
2. Read verses 3-4. What dilemma did the paralyzed man and his friends face? What do the story's details tell you about the paralyzed man, his friends, and Jesus’ reputation? How did the paralyzed man’s friends solve the dilemma that they faced?
3. Read verses 5-7. How did Jesus evaluate the faith of the paralyzed man and his friends? Why did the Pharisees accuse Jesus of blasphemy? (6-7)
4. Read verses 8-11. How did Jesus respond to the thought of the Pharisees? (8-9) How did Jesus that he had the authority to forgive sins? (9) What did Jesus mean by “Son of Man”? (10)
5. Why did Jesus heal the paralyzed man? (11) What happened to the man, and how did the crowd respond to what they had seen? (12) What does this story tell you about the difference between genuine and counterfeit spirituality?

**Apply it:**

1. What broken area of your life will you ask God to heal? Following the example of the paralyzed man’s friends, how could you go out of your way to help another believer who is experiencing pain or suffering?