

WE NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THIS! (MARK 2)

There is no book on earth more exciting to read than the Bible! From cover to cover it is filled with wonderful accounts of God's great and marvelous works. Read it and you will not cease to be amazed! Right from the very first page you will observe God at work, doing the humanly impossible: *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."* God does what no man can do! Is this not impossible with man? Indeed! Yet, Jesus said that with God, *all things* are possible! (Matt 19:26).

When Jesus healed the paralytic in Mark 2, the people surrounding him saw the impossible take place right before their eyes! They watched as the man got up from his bed and started to walk. The people were all amazed and began to glorify God. They said: "We never saw anything like this!"

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!" (Revelation 15:3)

POINTS TO PONDER:

A. In The Healing Of The Paralytic We Discover That Christ Has Power To Forgive Sins (v1-12)

- ✧ Before Jesus healed the man, He addressed his greater need: Forgiveness (v5).
- ✧ Forgiveness is your greatest need too, and the only way to experience peace with God.

B. In The Calling Of Levi, We See The First Step In Making A Disciple (v13-17)

- ✧ In Matthew 28:19 we are also called to make disciples.
- ✧ You can look and learn from the way Jesus made disciples.

C. The Pharisees Believed They Were More Spiritual Because They Fasted (v18-22)

- ✧ Jesus was not opposed to fasting. He fasted for forty days (*Matt 4:2*).

D. The Pharisees Based Their Sabbath Beliefs On Man-Made Rules--Not God's Word (v23-28)

- ✧ Jesus used scripture to point out their error and affirmed His Lordship (v25-28).
- ✧ Your beliefs should always be grounded in God's word.

CHALLENGE TO CHANGE:

There are two extremes that you should be careful to avoid in your Christian life:

1. Worldliness (*Being Soft on Sin*).
2. Legalism (*Following Rules and Rituals*).

Romans 14:17 *"For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, But righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."*