

Be Mine

The Object of My Love

(Mark 2:1-12)

Jesus said, "Take heart, child, your sins are forgiven."

(Matthew 9:2)

1.) Jesus says, "I won't **disappoint** you!"

- Mark 2:2-4 - So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on.
- Matthew 9:2 - When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."
- Psalm 103:2-3,12 - Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases...as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

2.) Jesus says, "You have no reason to **doubt** me!"

- Mark 2:6-7 - Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
- Mark 2:8-11 - Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." He said to the paralytic, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."
- Mark 2:12 - He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Points to Ponder

- 1.) Have you ever caught yourself saying, "If only I had _____, then I'd be happy!" How would Jesus recalibrate your thought?

2.) Jesus behaves as though there are only two people in the whole universe - you and him! What do his words, "Take heart, child, your sins are forgiven" mean for your faith?

3.) Does that the thought that Jesus is omniscient and omnipotent frighten you or comfort you?

Homework

Luke 14