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TO JESUS?

(MARK 2:1-12)





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## HEALING OF A PARALYTIC

All three synoptic gospels - Mt 9:1-8; Mk 2:1-12; Lk 5:17-26

THE TEXT / LESSONS / APPLICATIONS



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- Healed the centurion's servant (Mt 8:5-13)
- Healed Peter's mother-in-law (Mt 8:14-15)
- Cast out many demons (Mt 8:16)
- From Cana He healed the nobleman's son at Capernaum (Jn 4:46-54)



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■ Yet those in the city brought judgment upon themselves (cf. Mt 11:23-24)

### **Matthew 11:23-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in

Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But

I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."



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## Mark 2:1–12 (NKJV)

**2** And again <sup>a</sup>He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. <sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Then they came to Him, bringing a <sup>b</sup>paralytic who was carried by four *men*. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “**Son, your sins are forgiven you.**”



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## Mark 2:1–12 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? <sup>c</sup>Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>8</sup> But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> <sup>d</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has <sup>2</sup>power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” <sup>12</sup> Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and <sup>e</sup>glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!”



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## LESSONS FROM THE TEXT

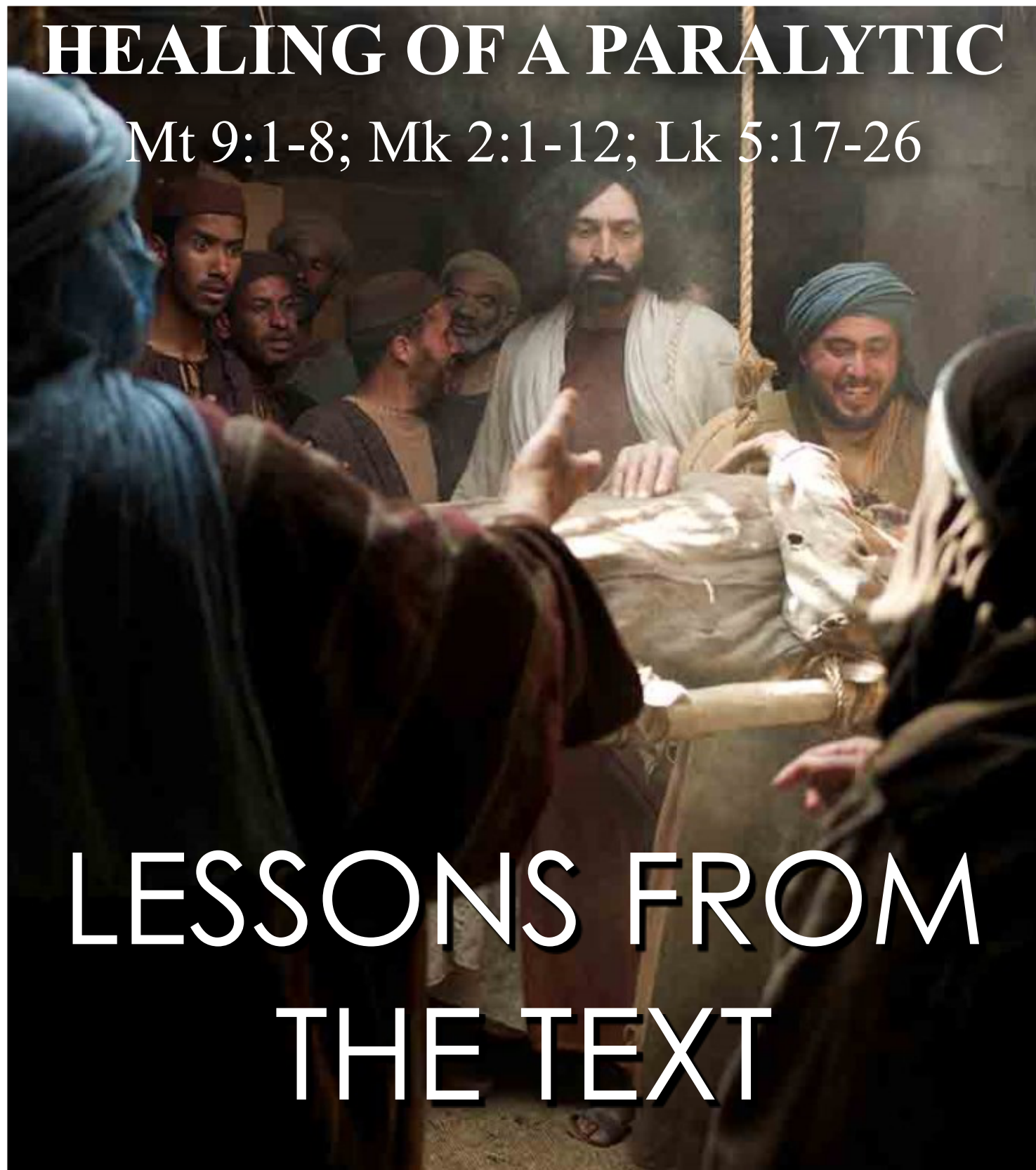
- The value of friends who care enough to help in time of need (3-5)
- Spiritual illness is more serious than physical illness (8-12)
- Jesus has the power to forgive sins / The deity of Christ (5-12)
- Some reject the truth regardless of the evidence (6-8; Mt 11:23,24)
- Real FAITH is visible and persistent (4,5; James 2:18)



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## LESSONS FROM THE TEXT

- We cannot deal with our sin apart from Jesus (John 14:6)
- The greatest service we can provide another human being in this life is to bring them to Christ!
- We should be willing to do everything in our power to bring others to Jesus



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OUR EFFORTS TO BRING  
OTHERS TO CHRIST  
DECLARE OUR TRUE  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS:

### ■ **THE LORD:**

- ▶ His Authority (Mat 28:18-20)
- ▶ His Sacrifice for mankind (2 Cor 5:14)

### ■ **OURSELVES:**

- ▶ The actual condition of our Faith / our love for the Lord / our commitment to the Lord / Hope.

### ■ **THE LOST.**



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## Leading Them To Christ



- We are to point them to Jesus and His teaching. Not ourselves, what we believe, or the “church of Christ” teaching (2 Cor 4:5)
- When converted to Christ, they become a member of His church! (Acts 2:47; Ep. 5:23)
- We should not be out to make proselytes, only Christians (Mat 23:15; Acts 11:26)
- Must lead them to the REAL Jesus (Jn 8:32; 14:6; Ac 4:12; 2 Cor. 11:4)



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## **Exhibits Faith In Jesus**

### ■ **Jesus saw their faith**

- ▶ They truly believed that Jesus would be able to help their friend - thus they **ACTED** (3,4; cf. James 1:21-25; 2:14-19)
- ▶ Do we trust in the power of Jesus & the gospel? **[JESUS SEES!!!]** (Rom 1:16; James 1:21; Isa. 55:11)





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## Exhibits Love & Compassion

■ **They must have cared for this man and desired to see his need met (3,4)**

- ▶ God so loved us that he gave His Son (Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10)
- ▶ We should love others as God loves (Mt 5:43-48; 1 Jn 4:7-21; Mk 6:34)
- ▶ We are commissioned to sow seed, not pre-judge the soil (Mat 13:3-8; 1 Cor. 3:5,6)





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## **Exhibits Love & Compassion**



- **They must have cared for this man and desired to see his need met (3,4)**
- ▶ Our love for God, Jesus & those who are lost motivates us to do whatever we can to lead them to Jesus who can save their souls (4; cf. Rom 9:1-3; 10:1-3)
- ▶ Love covers a multitude of sins when our love for the lost leads them Christ by the gospel (1 Pet 4:8; James 5:20; 2 Thes 2:14)



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## They Worked Together

■ **Four men worked together to get this man to Jesus (3,4)**

- ▶ Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs to preach the kingdom of heaven (Mark 6:7)
- ▶ Paul had help on his preaching journeys (Acts 13:1-3; 15:40)
- ▶ We can work together to bring people to Jesus – utilizing one another's individual talents and resources (Eccl. 4:9, 10)





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## **They Were Determined**

### ■ **The trouble to which they went (3,4)**

- ▶ Carried the man to the house
- ▶ Fought through the crowd,
- ▶ Got up on the roof,
- ▶ Removed roofing, made a hole
- ▶ Let him down thru the hole.

### ■ **Unless we are willing to be inconvenienced, we will NOT bring many people to Christ! (2 Cor. 11:22-28)**





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## **They Were Determined**



- Demonstrates the value they had placed upon their friend!
- There will always be obstacles & resistance.
- Do we care enough about another's soul that we will not quickly give up on them? (Mat 16:26)



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## **Christians Are Evangelistic**

- Every Person Needs Jesus (Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- The greatest service we can provide another person is to bring them to Christ! (Acts 8:4)
- Are We willing to do everything in our power to bring others to Jesus? (1 Thes. 1:8; 2 Cor. 12:15)





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## Christians Are Evangelistic



### Internet:

- ▶ Website / Facebook / Email / Online articles & sermons.
- ▶ Live stream: LIVE Facebook & YouTube Videos / Archives

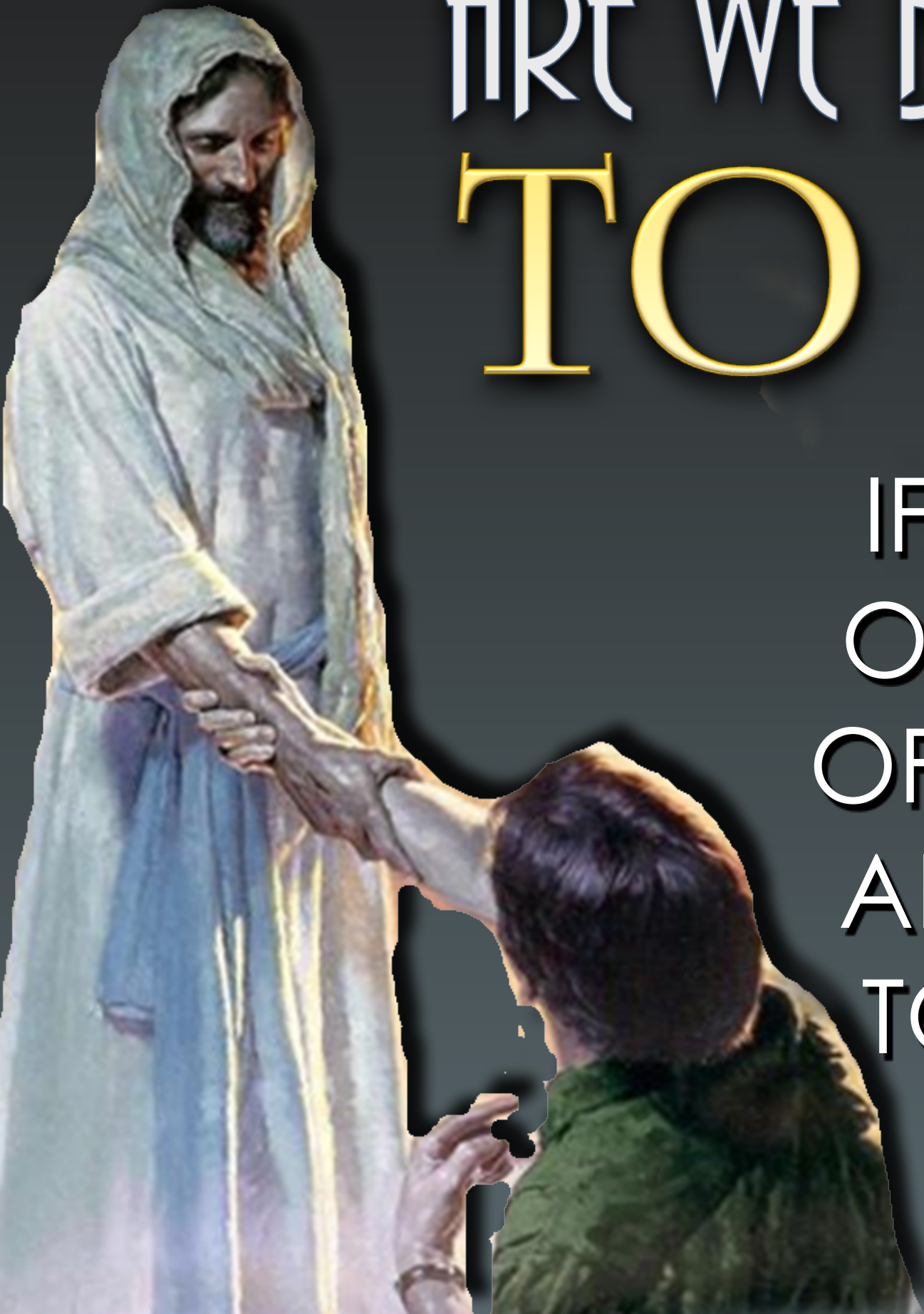
### Correspondent Courses

### In home Bible studies

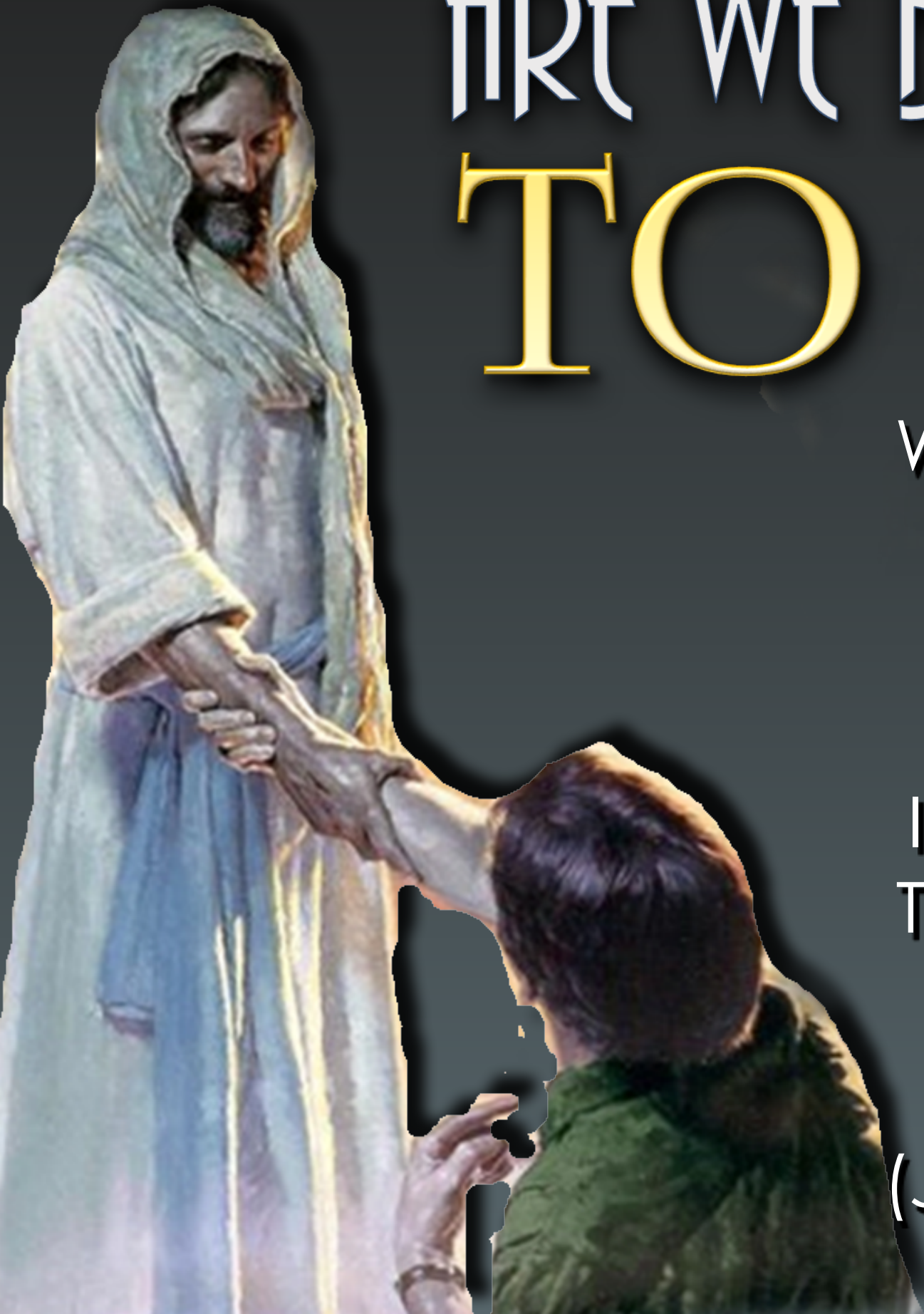


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IF YOU HAVE NEVER  
OBEYED THE GOSPEL  
OF JESUS CHRIST, YOU  
ARE LOST, YOU NEED  
TO HAVE YOUR SINS  
FORGIVEN!







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WILL YOU ALLOW US TO HELP  
YOU KNOW JESUS?

WE WILL POINT YOU TO THE  
TEACHINGS OF JESUS

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS  
THE CHRIST, REPENT OF YOUR  
SINS, WE CAN BAPTIZE YOU  
INTO HIM TODAY!

(JOHN 8:24; ROMANS 10:9,10;  
ACTS 2:38; GAL 3:27)







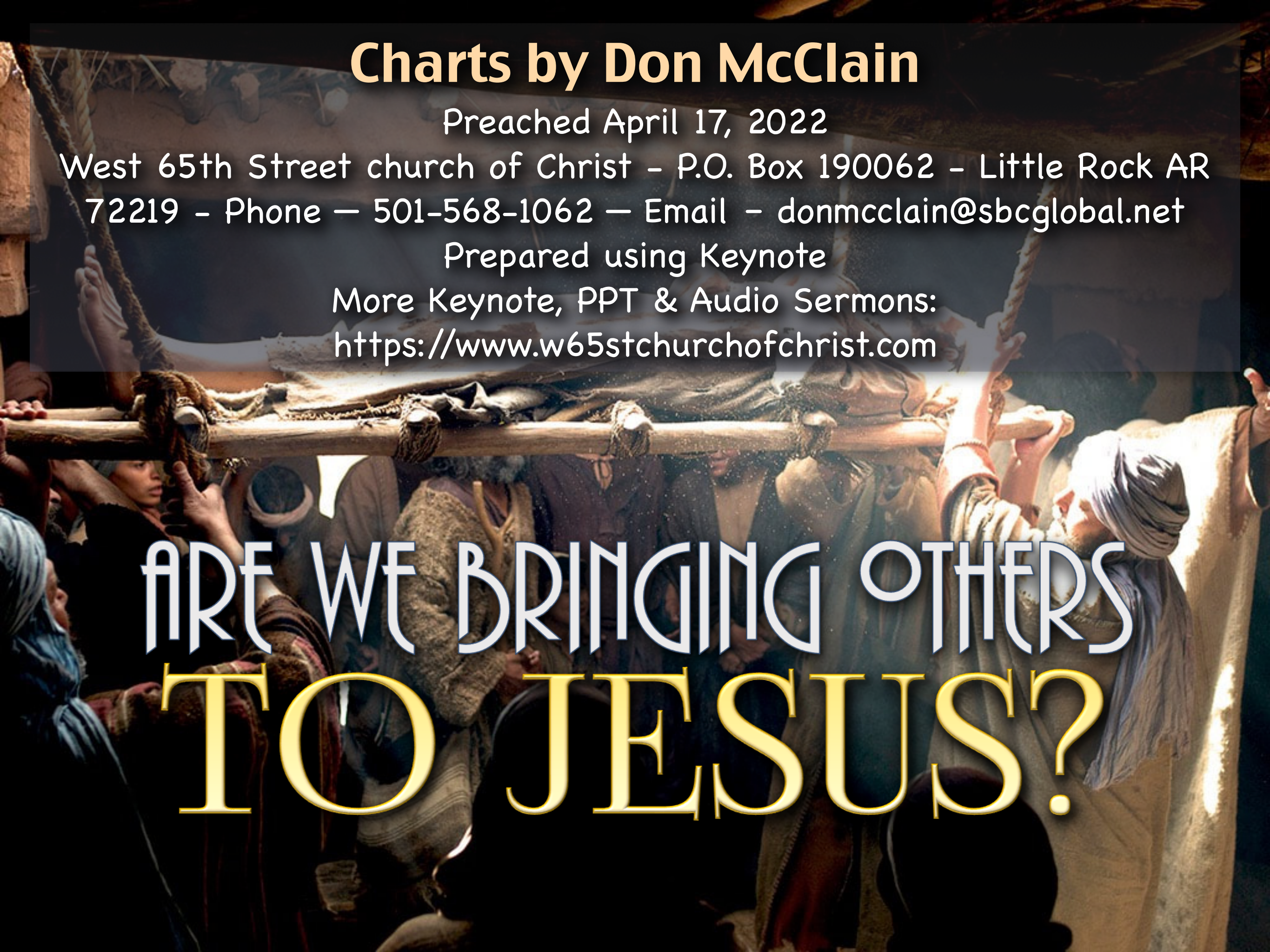
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# Matthew 9:1–8 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. <sup>2</sup> Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “**Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.**” <sup>3</sup> And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “**Why do you think evil in your hearts?**” <sup>5</sup> For which is easier, to say, ‘*Your sins are forgiven you,*’ or to say, ‘*Arise and walk*’? <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “**Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**” <sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house. <sup>8</sup> Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.