

Chapter 2 (1 - 12)

After some time Jesus returned to Capernaum. Crowds quickly gathered at the house where he was staying. While he was preaching inside the house, four men carried a paralytic on a stretcher to the front door.

They couldn't get in, because of the crowd, so they went up on the roof, took off some of the roof covering, and lowered the stretcher in front of Jesus.

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic "Your sins are forgiven". Some religious leaders present in the crowd thought to themselves "Who does this man think he is? Only God can forgive sins".

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them "Which is easier? To say 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'? But to show you that I have authority to forgive sins, I now say, get up, pick up your stretcher and go home"

The man got up, picked up his stretcher and walked out in front of everyone. The crowd said "We have never seen anything like this"

Jesus, heal my friend (..name..) who is a paralytic