

## “Master Physician”

### TWO BIG CONTROVERSIES:

- A paralytic is brought to him and he declares his sins forgiven!

**Mark 2:7** "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

- A tax collector is recruited by him and he has dinner at his house with many of his scandalous friends!

**Mark 2:16** "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

In answer these questions, Jesus compares himself to a “physician.”

**Mark 2:17** "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

### NOTES: WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A DOCTOR

- 1) Try to find a doctor with a good sense of priority

If you have three medical problems, dandruff, a wart, and bone cancer: you want your doctor to notice all of them and pay most attention to the most serious one.

**Mark 2:2-5** And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

If your doctor demonstrates a different sense of priority, would you agree with him?

Are you inclined to think that you know more than your doctor? *"It's my body. I think I know what I need?"*

Headaches? Heart palpitations? A rash?

How to gain strength. How to lose weight. How to sleep better at night. How to overcome stress.

Does the same attitude show up in your relationship with God? Are you so sure that you know what you need that you would quarrel with God about it? *"It's my life. I think I know what I need!"*

How to increase your happiness. How to improve your marriage. Your finances.

There probably are doctors that don't have a good sense of priorities, but Jesus isn't one of them!

- 2) Try to find a doctor who can actually solve your medical problems Especially your most serious one.

**Mark 2:8-12** And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?"

Two issues: Does Jesus have authority: the power to rule, the right to make the rules?  
What are the priorities of Jesus regarding which of your problems are your most serious?

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

CONCLUSION: Jesus IS the Master Physician. *"Do you know how hard it is to find a really good doctor?"*  
You have now found one: at least you have heard of him!

