

The Power of the Servant

Mark 2:1-12

The Power of the Servant:

Jesus Christ demonstrates His power on earth by forgiving sins and healing physically.

The Characters:

The Crowd: Those who heard about Jesus.

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. **(Mark 2:1-2)**

The Courageous (3-5): Those who act on what was heard

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” **(Mark 2:3-5)**

The Paralytic: Those who know they need Jesus’ reputation to be true

-----Theological Interlude-----

The Critic: Those who may need to hear/see more about Jesus

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷“Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **(Mark 2:6-7)**

The Creator:

For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **(Colossians 1:16-17)**

Jesus Christ: He who meets our every need

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? ⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹²He 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!” **(Mark 2:8-12)**

I was watching in the night visions, “And with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching. He went up to the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. ¹⁴To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed. **(Daniel 7:13-14)**

Which Character in the story are you?