Jesus Gets Us: What's Harder?
Mark 2:1-22
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Mark 2:1-12: A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum,
the people heard that he had come home. [2] They gathered in such large
numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he
preached the word to them. [3] Some men came, bringing to him a
paralyzed man, carried by four of them. [4] Since 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. [5] When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son,
your sins are forgiven." [6] 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?" [8] 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? [9] Which is
easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say,
'Get up, take your mat and walk'? [10] But 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." [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!"

SERMON NOTES: