

MATTHEW

March 6, 2022

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Mark 2:1-12

Luke 5:17-26

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Describe the scene as painted by Mark & Luke. (What sets their presentation apart?)
2. What does Jesus see (v. 2)? Describe its significance.
3. What is the shocking declaration of Jesus (v. 2)?

Why say this . . . why now (c.f., v. 5)?

4. Meditate on the repercussions of divine forgiveness:

- Psalm 103:12
- Hebrews 10:17
- Colossians 2:13
- Psalm 32:1-2, 5
- 2 Corinthians 5:19
- Acts 2:38

5. What reaction does Jesus' declaration elicit (v. 3)?

What is the reasoning of the scribes & Pharisees (Luke 5:21)? Weigh their reasoning. How accurate is it?

6. What is suggested in Mark 2:8?

7. Identify Jesus' rationale for healing the man (v. 6). (What does it do?)

What weight does Jesus give to the title "Son of Man"?

8. Identify two reactions of the crowd and their conclusion (v. 8).

What do the Pharisees & scribes likely make of it? (Is seeing always believing?)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will let my faith shine this week by . . .

I will celebrate by forgiveness in Christ this week by . . .