

4 Friends (Mark 2:1-12)
Come & See—April 13, 2025

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Spirit-led friends do what it takes to help their friends see Jesus

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. *Mark* 2:1

Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. *Mark 2:2 NKJV*

Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. Mark 2:3 NKJV

And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. *Mark* 2:4 NKJV

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Mark 2:5 NKJV

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Colossians 4:5 NKJV

Jesus sees us, sees our sins, and forgives all who believe

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And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Mark 2:6 NKJV

"Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Mark 2:7

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But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? *Mark 2:8 NKJV*

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? *Mark 2:9 NKJV*

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, *Mark 2:10 NKJV*

"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Mark 2:11 NKJV

Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" Mark 2:12 NKJV

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13 NKJV

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<u>This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:</u> April 13 – Mark 11, Family Focus – Mark 11:15-26

April 14 – Psa 146, Family Focus – Psa 146:5-10

April 15 – Reflection & Prayer

April 16 - Mark 12, Family Focus - Mark 12:28-34

April 17 – Mark 13, Family Focus – Mark 13:24-27

April 18 – Mark 14, Family Focus –Mark 14: 3-9 April 19 – Mark 15, Family Focus –Mark 15:25-39



This month, we are learning about Jesus's resurrection and the Easter story!

Memory Verse: "Jesus is alive." Matthew 28:6 (adapted for toddlers)

Parent Connect: Use the chalk you were given and draw the suggested gospel pictures on your driveway. Think of the empty tomb, Jesus, and the cross! Bonus: Share with your neighbor friends!

JESUS IS GOD!

In this series, we will learn about the greatest Easter story – Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the grave. The series will cover starting with the Last Supper and continue to His promised return.

Memory Verse: "He is not here; for He is risen as he said." Matthew 28:6a

Heart of the Lesson: Palm Sunday | Matthew 21:1-17

Parent Connect: Today the kids learned about the big celebration that was Palm Sunday as Jesus entered the city and went to the temple. Go on a walk with your kid and find big leaves and act of the story with the waving of the Palm leaves.



Jesus's resurrection was witnessed by many different people in many different ways. However; these people didn't just see the resurrected Jesus, they were changed by it. We can be changed by the resurrection of Jesus and be just as amazed by it as the people who witnessed it.

Memory Verse: "He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying." Matthew 28:6

Heart of the Lesson: The Eleven Apostles Saw | John 20:19-23

Sit down with your kids and have them list their eleven closest friends. Ask how they would feel if they thought they would never see their friends again and suddenly got the chance to see them in the flesh, not just over FaceTime. That's how the eleven apostles felt when they saw Jesus again!



This month, we're continuing in our "One Vision" initiative by looking at different people who saw Jesus, experienced His love and power, and shared that with others. Jesus invites us to "come and see" who He is, just like He did with His first disciples. As we experience Him, we're called to share that hope with those around us. Whether it's inviting a friend to G56 or Grace Students, sharing a story about how God has helped us through a tough time, going on a mission trip, or offering to pray with someone at school, we can be part of helping others come and see Jesus too.

Memory Verse: "Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!" Psalm 66:5

Heart of the Lesson: We can help others come and see Jesus for themselves - Mark 2:1-12

Parent Connect: This week in G56 we learned about the four friends who brought their friend to Jesus. As a family, brainstorm creative ways to introduce Jesus to others. Choose one to do this week—whether it's making encouraging cards for classmates, baking treats for neighbors, or inviting someone to church for Easter weekend.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

COME & SEE



When we follow Jesus, He wants us to invite others to experience His Good News through us! When we invite people to "come & see" Jesus through our own lives, their lives can be changed too! This series, we're looking at different stories where followers of Jesus invited others to experience God, and learning how we can share Jesus with others!

Memory Verse: Give praise to the Lord and announce who he is. Tell the nations what he has done. (Psalm 105:1 NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: A true friend wants to show people Jesus (Mark 2:1-11)

Parent Connect:

- Why did the man's friends bring him to Jesus?
- What did Jesus show by healing the man who couldn't walk?
- Why did Jesus tell the man his sins were forgiven?
- Who do you know that you can invite to church so they can learn about Jesus, our Savior?