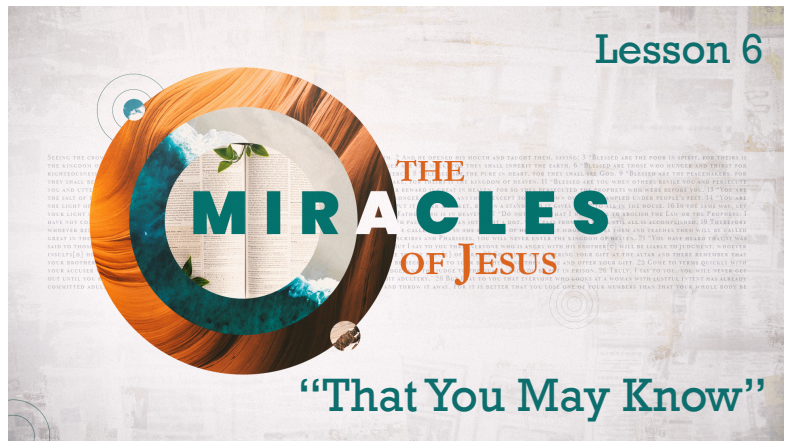


We've been learning throughout this study that the real point of the mighty works, wonders, and signs done by Jesus wasn't simply to put on a show. He worked these miracles so that people could **know** who he was, where he had come from, and why they ought to listen to him.



In **Mark 2**, so many people had gathered in and around a house in

Capernaum **“that was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them” (2:2)**. Four men were trying to bring a paralytic—someone who couldn't walk—to Jesus, but there was no way they could get through. So? They removed the roof and lowered him down from above. Notice carefully what Mark tells us next...

And when Jesus saw their \_\_\_\_\_, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 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?’ But that you may \_\_\_\_\_ that the Son of Man has \_\_\_\_\_ 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!” (2:4-12)

**“That you may know.”** That’s why Jesus performed the miracle. A little later on in Mark’s gospel, a man named Jairus, a ruler of a synagogue, fell at Jesus’s feet and begged him to come and lay his hands on Jairus’s sick daughter (5:21-23). As a great crowd followed him, a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched his garment.

For she said, “\_\_\_\_\_ I touch even his garments, I \_\_\_\_\_ be made well.” And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. (5:28-29)

What did Jesus want her to **know** in 5:34? “Daughter, your \_\_\_\_\_ has made you well.” While Jesus was still speaking with her, some came from Jairus’s house with a sad message: **“Your daughter is dead.”** But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to Jairus: **“Do not \_\_\_\_\_, only \_\_\_\_\_” (5:36)**. Once again, death itself was no match for Jesus. When he took that twelve-year-old girl by the hand and said, **“Little girl, I say to you, arise,”** she immediately got up and began walking (5:40-43).

What does all of this reveal about Jesus? His power? His heart? **Let’s talk about it...**

## For Class & Family Discussion:

### ▸ In **Mark 2**...

- What do you think is meant by “Jesus saw their faith” (2:5)?
- Why do you think he would he say, before anything else, “Your sins are forgiven” (2:5)?
- Why were the scribes who were sitting there so upset in 2:6-7?
- In 2:8-12, what did Jesus want them all to know, and how did he prove it?

### ▸ In **Mark 5**...

- How did the woman in 5:25-33 demonstrate great faith?
  - What did Jesus want the people in that great crowd to know, and how did he prove it?
  - Why do you think Jesus said what he did to Jairus in 5:36?
  - Why would the people gathered at Jairus’s house have laughed at Jesus (5:40)?
- What do the mighty works, wonders, and signs we’ve looked at together prove about King Jesus? What do they reveal to us about his heart?