

WHO IS THIS MAN?

BLASPHEMER OR REDEEMER?

Mark 2:1-12 Jeff Schreve

"Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?" Mark 2:7

Moreover, the one who blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death. Leviticus 24:16

Is Jesus a blasphemer ... or is He God?

1. Jesus came for man's deepest need: forgiveness.

A. Physical infirmity is secondary to spiritual infirmity.

1. Physical infirmity either embitters or softens the heart.

2. Physical infirmity drives people to extreme measures.
Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. Job 2:4

B. Physical infirmity is a picture of spiritual infirmity.

2. Jesus claimed to have authority to forgive sins.

A. Sins are committed against God.

*Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil
in Your sight. Psalm 51:4*

B. Sins can only be forgiven by God.

C. Jesus is either the vilest of blasphemers or Holy God.

3. Jesus proved He has authority to forgive sins.

A. Forgiving sins is easier to say but impossible to verify.

B. Forgiving sins is proven by healing the paralytic.

C. Forgiving sins is the greatest of miracles.

1. It meets the greatest need.
2. It costs the greatest price.
3. It brings the greatest blessing.

The BIG question: Has He forgiven your sins?