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### Desperate love

#### Mark 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup>And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.

### The breakthrough

#### Mark 2: 4-6

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." <sup>6</sup>And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

### A willing saviour

#### Mark 2:7-12

<sup>7</sup>Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone? <sup>8</sup>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? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? <sup>10</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" —He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." <sup>12</sup>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!"

### Radical love vs dead religion

#### Luke 10:25-35

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup>So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" <sup>28</sup>And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

### An answer in a question

#### Lukas 10:36-37

<sup>36</sup>"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup>And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## **“Samaritans” in our eyes?**

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

## **Friend of sinners**

### **Matthew 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. <sup>10</sup>Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

## **An open community**

### **Acts 2:40-47**

<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation. <sup>41</sup>Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup>And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup>Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup>and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup>So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.