

WEEK 3 - WHAT IS THE MAIN PROBLEM OF OUR TIME?

Introduction

What is the main problem of our time? *Homelessness?, Aids? Racism?*

Get stuck in

Read Mark 2 v1- 12

Today we will look at a story which shows us what Jesus sees as our main problem, who suffers from it and how it is dealt with.

Questions

a) What was the reason for so many people crowding around Jesus? What do you think they saw as their biggest problem?

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b) From the friends' actions in v 3 what do you think they saw their friend's main need as?

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c) Jesus' response is surprising then! (He says that a healing is the easy part!) **What does he say to the man in v 5, and therefore what would he see as a person's main need?**

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d) What do you think the word SIN* actually means, and why is it so controversial that Jesus declares the man's sins to be forgiven?

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e) What is Jesus saying about life and values if it is easier for him to heal than forgive sins?

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***SIN:** The Bible says that Sin is choosing to do things our own way, Never stopping to think about the one who made us to know Him and trust Him. It also says that all people have sinned and need forgiveness. (Bible Check: Read ROMANS 3v23)

Summary

According to this story, what is our biggest need and who provides the answer ?

Testimony time

Questions and Prayer requests

Extended Study

Carry on and read ch2 v13-17 ...A glimpse of Jesus' mission statement!