

“THEY UNCOVERED THE ROOF”

Mark 2:1-12

I. SEEKING JESUS IS MOST IMPORTANT

A. **Mark 2:2-4**

We need to crowd around for Jesus like these people did! And we need to be ready to rip off the roof to get to Him!

B. **Matthew 2:1-11; Luke 19:1-6**

The magi were willing to travel from a far country in order to honor Jesus. Zacchaeus climbed a tree. What distance are we willing to go to in order to gain Jesus' presence? What effort are we willing to put forth?

C. **Matthew 7:7; Acts 17:26-28**

Jesus and Paul both preached that man must seek the Lord. Some Calvinists online are attacking the idea of man seeking the Lord, asserting instead that God alone seeks out the lost sinner. Both are true; there must be mutual seeking.

D. **Hebrews 13:10-13**

It is incumbent upon us to “*go forth to Him*” and that involves some discomfort in the present.

E. Finding Jesus for initial salvation is the priority of life and getting into His presence for worship and edification must be the priority of one's whole week.

II. FRIENDS HELP FRIENDS FIND JESUS

A. **Mark 2:3-4**

This man's friends went to some length to get him in the presence of Christ.

B. **John 1:35-49; 4:28-29, 39**

Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ. Philip told Nathaniel about Him. The woman at the well told everyone in town about the Messiah. This is what happens with good news; we can't hold back and we share it with everyone!

C. 1st Corinthians 15:33

Some friends make bad company, causing the corruption of good morals, so caution is urged.

D. We both need the kind of friends who would spontaneously demolish a roof to bring us to the Lord and we need to **be** the kind of friend who would do that for others.

III. NAMELESS OTHERS ASSUME COSTS WITHOUT CREDIT

A. Mark 2:3-4

One person not mentioned in the story is the homeowner whose roof was dismantled. Granted, construction in the ancient near east was different than we have here now, so the repair was probably less of a hassle than we may imagine, but that is not to say there was no inconvenience or expenses to pay when this episode concluded.

B. Luke 10:35

Recall that the innkeeper in the account of the good Samaritan was similarly imposed upon without volunteering for the task.

C. Matthew 6:1-4

The right way to go about doing good is to never pursue recognition.

D. We must be ready, not only to do good without receiving any credit, but also to have these situations thrust upon us and accept them without complaint.

IV. JESUS' MIRACLES PROVE HIM THE SAVIOR

A. Mark 2:5-12

Skeptics refused to believe Jesus had the power to forgive sins until He worked an undeniable miracle in their presence. That was the main point of this

incident – to prove Christ to be the Savior. It was always the reason behind every miracle.

B. John 20:30-31

The very reason New Testament Scripture exists is to convince the reader that Jesus is God's Son. Since we can gain saving faith by reading of these miracles from eyewitnesses, we no longer need miracles to be performed.

C. Acts 2:22-39

Peter preached it: the miracles Jesus did were the attestation of God that Christ's gospel is legitimate. That gospel proclaims that He died, was buried, arose, and ascended. Our response to that gospel is to repent and be baptized.