

Already, Not Yet

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 7

Scripture text – Mark 2:1-12

Introduction

- This is the 3rd _____ that Mark describes in detail.
- Since he had hundreds of healing stories to choose from, we need to ask: *Why this one?*

Feature #1

- This healing established a connection between healing and _____.
- Some go too far and draw the conclusion that we can _____ God to do what we want by our _____.
- A proper conclusion is that Jesus is _____ with our faith.
- Threading a needle:
 - 1) We can be _____ in asking for miraculous healing.
 - 2) At the same time, we might need a _____ definition of both *faith & healing*.
- Jesus' answer to our request for healing is never _____, but either _____ or _____.

Feature #2

- This healing generated _____ with the powers-that-be.
- They were convinced Jesus was a _____. Nothing he could say or do could move them off their initial _____.

Feature #3

- This healing presented yet another authority Jesus has; namely, to _____.
- What Jesus is up to:
 - 1) He is testifying to his _____.
 - 2) He is identifying humanity's _____ need.

- 3) He is establishing the principle that God's forgiveness is entirely by _____.
- 4) He is signaling the radical nature of the _____ of God.

Conclusion

- Living between "the already, not yet" can be _____ & wearisome.
- This is why Hebrews 10:25 tells us not to give up on _____ together, and to _____ one another, and all the more, as we see the Day approaching.