



- Forgiveness is the medicine that heals us at the deepest level of our being. We all need forgiveness.

Only God has the authority to forgive sins.

I. The Action of the Friends

- Their faith came from a need.
- Their faith produced fruit.
- If we have real faith, our faith will show in the things we do.
- Radical intercession comes at a great cost to us.

II. The Answer of Christ

- If you want to impress the Lord, put your trust in Him.
- Jesus went to the real source of this man's problem. He forgave his sin.

III. The Attitude of the Scribes

- On the surface the Scribes questions seem logical.
- The Scribes were not open to see that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Murmuring is always the outcome of unbelief.

IV. The Authority of God

- Jesus challenged their unbelief.
- He turned the murmur of the Scribes into an opportunity.
- True discipleship is our love being manifested in the visible commitments we have to Christ.

V. The Amazement of the Crowd

- Obedience to the command of Jesus was necessary.
- Will you obey the command of Jesus to do what you cannot see how to do yourself?

V. The Amazement of the Crowd

- The crowd was amazed at the authority of Jesus. But being amazed is not being convinced.

- Because of our faith, others' lives can be touched.
- True faith always produces visible action.
- Many of our problems have a root cause in sin. It must be dealt with first.

The Great Physician of our souls stands ready to heal us of our deepest need. Place yourself in His skilled hands today, and receive His grace.