

## **Not For the Righteous**

As preached on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Mark 2:1-22

1. In v.1, Mark tells us that in returning to Capernaum Jesus “had come home”. What do you make of this? Do you think Jesus had his own house in Capernaum?
2. When the large crowd gathered, we’re told that Jesus “preached the word to them” and no mention is made of him performing miracles. Why do you think this is? What do you suppose Jesus preached about?
3. Jesus decides to forgive the paralyzed man’s sin because he could see “their faith”. Whose faith? How could Jesus see it?
4. What reason does Jesus give for healing the man of his paralysis?
5. In the next scene (vv.13-17) Jesus calls Levi to follow him. What was Levi’s vocation? What was significant about that vocation?
6. What are the religious leaders upset about in v.16? Is this a legitimate concern? Why, or why not? What is the significance of Jesus’ response?
7. In v.19 Jesus asks, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is still with them?” What does this mean? What application might it have for us today?