

Salvation III: New Testament: Deliverance

Mark 2:1-12

I. Introduction

A. General definition

B. Elements of focus for New Testament

1. Apocalyptic
2. Kingdom of God (heaven)
3. Expansion on OT elements
 - a. Deliverance
 - b. Restoration
 - c. Eternal life

II. Scriptural focus (Mark 2:1-12)

A. Vivid language

B. Desperation (2:4)

C. Faith (2:5)

D. Surprise (2:5)

E. Blasphemy (2:7)

F. More surprise (2:9)

G. Healing as sign (2:10-12)

III. Commentary

A. Healing and forgiveness together (John 9:1-3; James 5:15-16)

B. Wholeness of the kingdom of God (heaven)

C. Son of Man (Mark 2:10)

1. Favorite self-description
2. Human being
3. One who ascends to divine (Dan 7:13-14)
4. Messiah-like figure (Mark 8:31)

IV. Lessons: Salvation as deliverance

A. Earthly: cure disease

B. Heavenly: forgive

V. Comments and questions

VI. Prayer

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When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

John 9:1-2

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.

James 5:15-16

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Daniel 7:13-14

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being [son of man] coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.