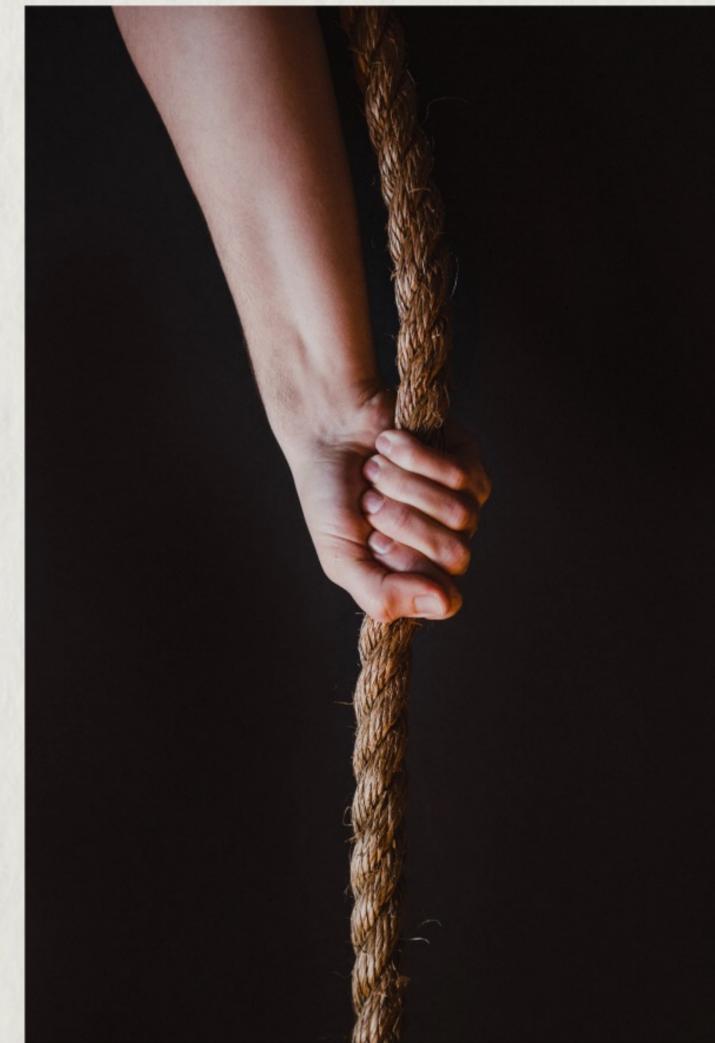


**02** THE KING'S AUTHORITY  
TO FORGIVE SINS

A STUDY OF  
**Mark**



And when he returned to Capernaum after some days,  
it was reported that he was at home.

Mark 2:1 <sup>ESV</sup>



# Authority of Jesus

And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.  
— Mark 1:22 <sup>ESV</sup>

## Over Sickness

And he healed many who were sick with various diseases.  
- Mark 1:34 <sup>ESV</sup>

## Over Demons

And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” — Mark 1:27 <sup>ESV</sup>

## Over Nature

And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” — Mark 4:41 <sup>ESV</sup>



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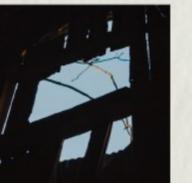
The **right** to do something combined with the **ability** to do it.



**Position**



**Power**



# The authority of Jesus over sin

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# The Importance of Community

## Mark 2:3-5 <sup>ESV</sup>

And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> **And when Jesus saw their faith,** he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”



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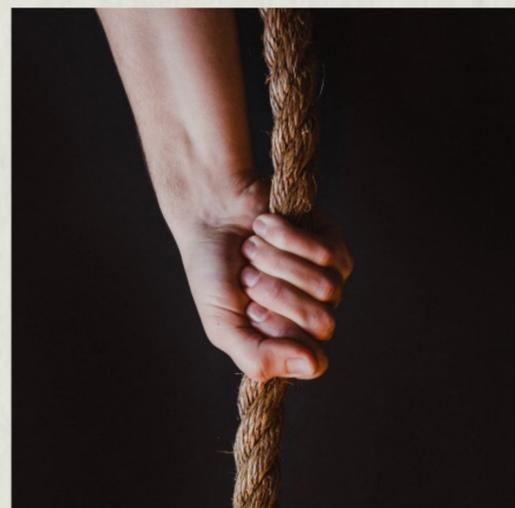
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