



**The Case for
His Authority**

**Quest Book:
Chapter 23**

Mark 2:1-17

The Objection: “When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” (v.5)

A. Faith is Essential

“When Jesus saw their faith....”

1. Faith of **the Five**
“If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.” Mark 9:23
2. Faith over **Religious Law**
“Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Mark 2:6-7
3. Faith in **Action**
“Some men came, bringing to Him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.” Mark 2:3-4

B. Approach sin with Compassion

“... He said to the paralyzed man, Son...”

1. No **Condemnation**
“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.” Romans 15:1
2. No **Hesitation**
“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” Luke 15:4-8
3. No **Record of Wrongs**
“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:1-2

C. Focus on the Eternal

“... Your Sins are Forgiven.”

1. **Eternal** Healing Over **Physical** Healing
“Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So He said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” Mark 2:9-12
2. Came for the **Sick**, not the **Righteous**
“....Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Mark 2:17
3. Stayed True to His **Mission**
“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

Verdict:

Jesus is the Authority over Forgiveness
(Matthew 28:18 | John 14:11-14 | John 12:32)

Bottom Line:

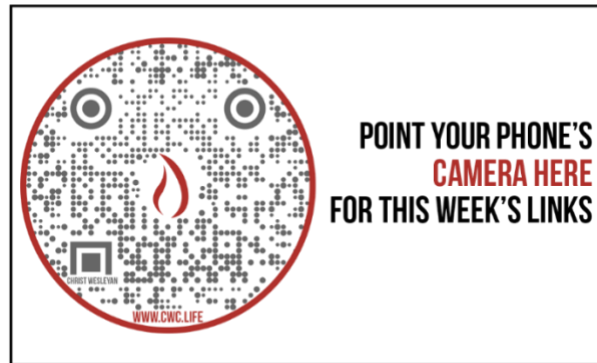
We need to be His hand at work

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday:
Week 2: Objection
The Case of the Sabbath Healing

Quest Book: Chapter 24

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 112.4%

Giving year to date: 90.2% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,911

Salvations to date: 74 | Baptisms to date: 51

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

158 – Pledges with 403 Total Participants

\$2,129,579.39- Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,225,655.59- Received Donations – 31% of \$4M Goal

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Today - Kids Salvation & Baptism Conversation

Tuesday, September 23 - Prayer & Fasting Begins

Monday, September 29 - Classics @ CWC Fall Bus Trip

Pick up the latest copy of “CWC Now The Magazine” in the foyer today for more information about all the happenings here at CWC.

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You’ll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don’t worry! Growth Track runs every month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to **bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack**.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: **loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life**