THE KINGDOMOF THE BELOYED SON

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A Series through the life of Jesus Christ

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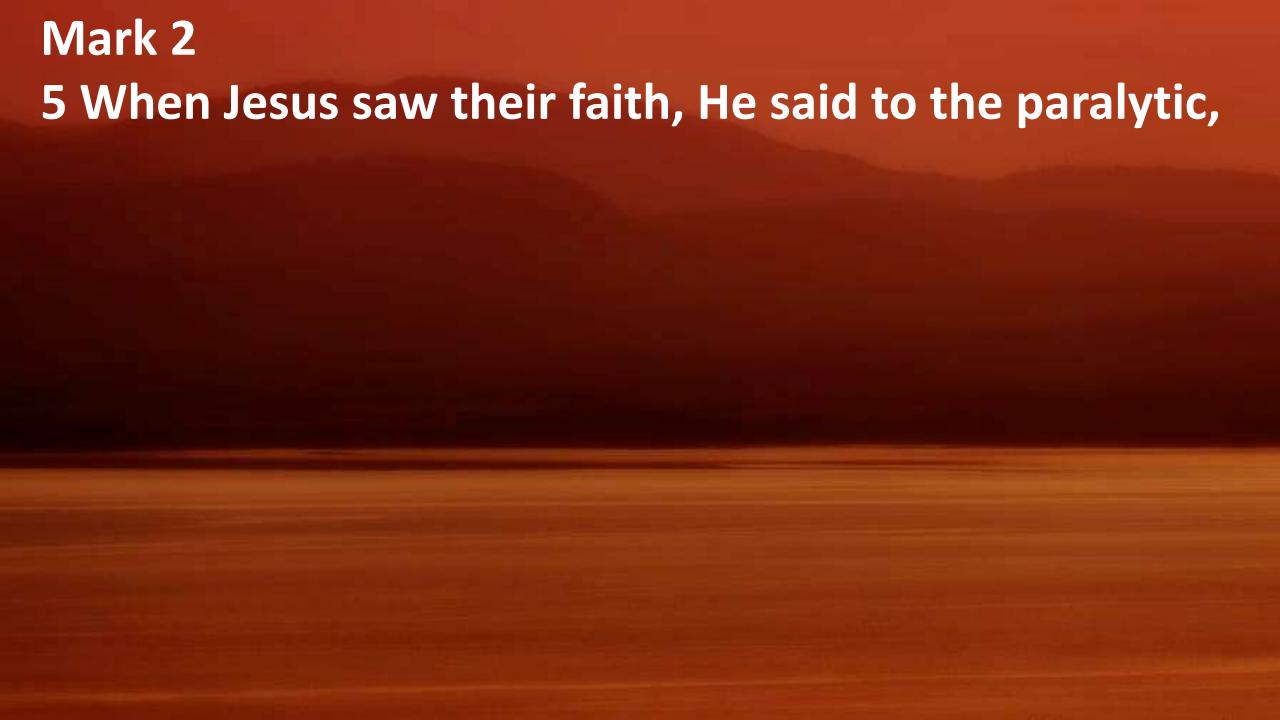
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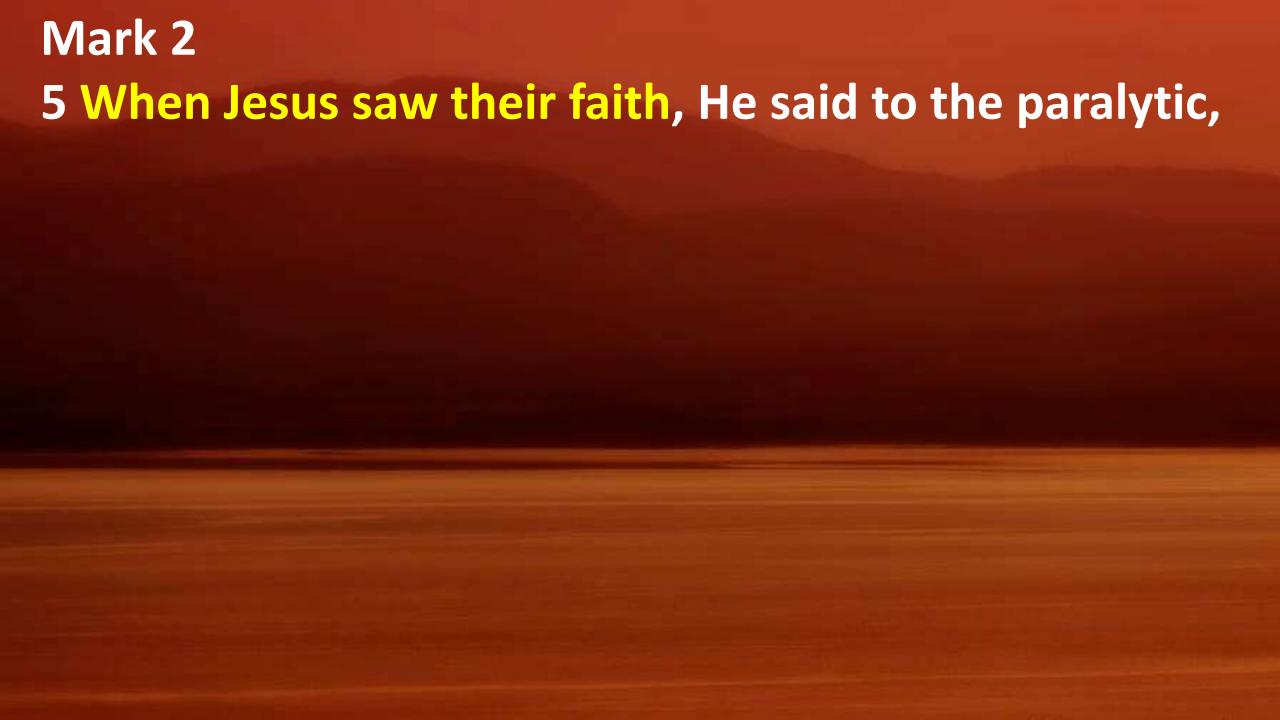
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Psalm 103

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 38

17...Your love has delivered me from the pit of oblivion, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

Isaiah 43

25 I, yes I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake and remembers your sins no more.

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2 Corinthians 5
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John 5

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- 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom He wishes.

James 1

18 Of His own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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