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WHAT WE READ

We flashed back to Isaiah 43:25 and Psalm 103:2-3, which speak of God forgiving sins and healing diseases. Then, in the present: four friends carried a paralyzed man to Jesus, could not get through the crowded door, and dug through the roof to lower him down. Jesus saw their faith and said, My son, your sins are forgiven. The religious experts were outraged: only God can forgive sins. Jesus asked which is easier to say, and then told the man to get up and walk, to prove he had the authority to forgive. The man walked out, and the crowd said they had never seen anything like it.

THE BIG IDEA

Only God can forgive sins. Jesus forgave a man's sins and healed him to prove it. So Jesus is not just a good teacher. He is God, true God and true man (CCC 464, 1441). That is why what he does on the cross next week can save us.

MEMORY VERSE

“The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” (Mark 2:10)

ONE QUESTION FOR DINNER

The four friends would not give up until their friend was in front of Jesus. Who has carried you toward God? Who could our family carry?

THIS WEEK'S ONE STEP

Every day this week, pray for one person by name for one minute, someone you would like to bring closer to Jesus.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, you are God, and you can forgive what nobody else can. Forgive us, and help our family carry others to you. Amen.

NEXT TIME

Session 4: He Gave His Life for You. We read the crucifixion in Luke 23, and we find Isaiah 53, written centuries before the cross.