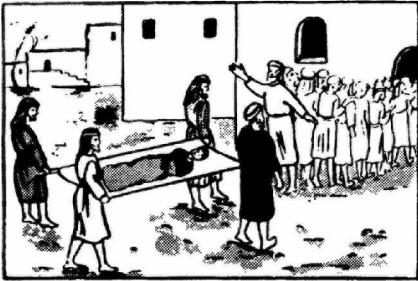


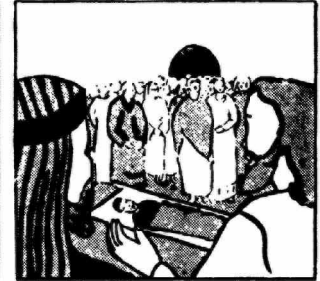
# JESUS HEALS A SICK MAN ★ Read Mark 2:1-12



When Jesus came to the city of Capernaum, four men whose friend was sick with palsy (his body muscles would not move) decided to take him to Jesus to be healed. They carefully put him on a bed, and carried him many miles to see Jesus.



They found Jesus in a house full of people. "What shall we do?" they asked one another hopelessly. "If we take him back home, he will die!" One suggested, "I know what we will do. Let us break the roof of the house and let him down." They began to do this.



The amazed crowd watched the men lower their friend through the broken roof to Jesus. He saw their great faith and said to the man, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee!"



"Who can forgive sins but God only!" murmured the scribes, who heard Christ say, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." "Listen to this Man speaking blasphemy!" they said in a way which questioned Jesus' authority.



Jesus rebuked the scribes. "Tell Me, is it easier to say to this sick man, 'Your sins are forgiven you' or 'Take up your bed and walk'?" They could not answer a word. Jesus said, "I want you to know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins."



Therefore He said, "Arise, take up your bed and go home." The man at once did as Jesus told him and walked away, carrying his bed. The amazed crowd glorified God, saying, "We never saw such a wonderful thing before!"

## BREWARRINA

The Brewarrina Children's Christmas Tree was held just before Christmas. The party was a great success, every child receiving a present. The total cost of the presents amounted to £15.

Sixteen dozen bottles of soft drink were obtained at cost from the local supplier, Mr. L. Simmons.

Thirty dozen cakes were made by the lady residents of the Station. For this purpose a special issue of food-stuffs was made from the ration store. A small quantity of Flour, Sugar, Jam, Baking Powder, Powdered Milk, Peanut Butter and Marmite was sufficient to produce the quantity of cakes mentioned.

C. W. Crane Pty. Ltd. of Brewarrina, made available to the station at no cost, eight 5-lb. Christmas Cakes.

Ten dozen oranges, ten dozen bananas and ten dozen pears were made available at cost from the local greengrocer, Mr. McIntosh of Brewarrina.

Ten pounds of good sweets were presented at no cost by Mrs. Morris, a local storekeeper.

Following the Children's Christmas Tree Party, the adults held a most successful dance and party in the hall. It was quite an impressive sight to see the couples dancing around the floor singing Christmas Carols. The hall was gaily decorated by the schoolteacher and his older pupils, a large tree was the centrepiece, gaily festooned

with coloured streamers and silver tape. The tree was illuminated with 73 tiny light globes of different colours.

The adults had an excellent supper of Christmas cake, sandwiches, jam tarts, fruit and tea.

Total monies raised by the ladies of the station, led by the indomitable Doreen Wright, amounted to £19 19s. 2d. This, coupled with the generous allowance from the Board, made possible the excellent Tree and Presents, and the "goodies" that made the festive board groan under the weight.



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