



*Incarnation:
Hope Revealed*

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Ephesians 2:1-2; 12



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And when [Jesus] returned to Capernaum...many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 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. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:1-5



“I think when God wants to play a really rotten practical joke on you, he grants your deepest wish.”

-Cynthia Heimel

“I’m not going to play that rotten joke on you. I’m not going to just heal your body and you think you’ve gotten your deepest wish.”

-“Jesus” (ala Tim Keller)



And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak like that?

**He is blaspheming!
Who can forgive sins
but God alone?”**

Mark 2:5-7



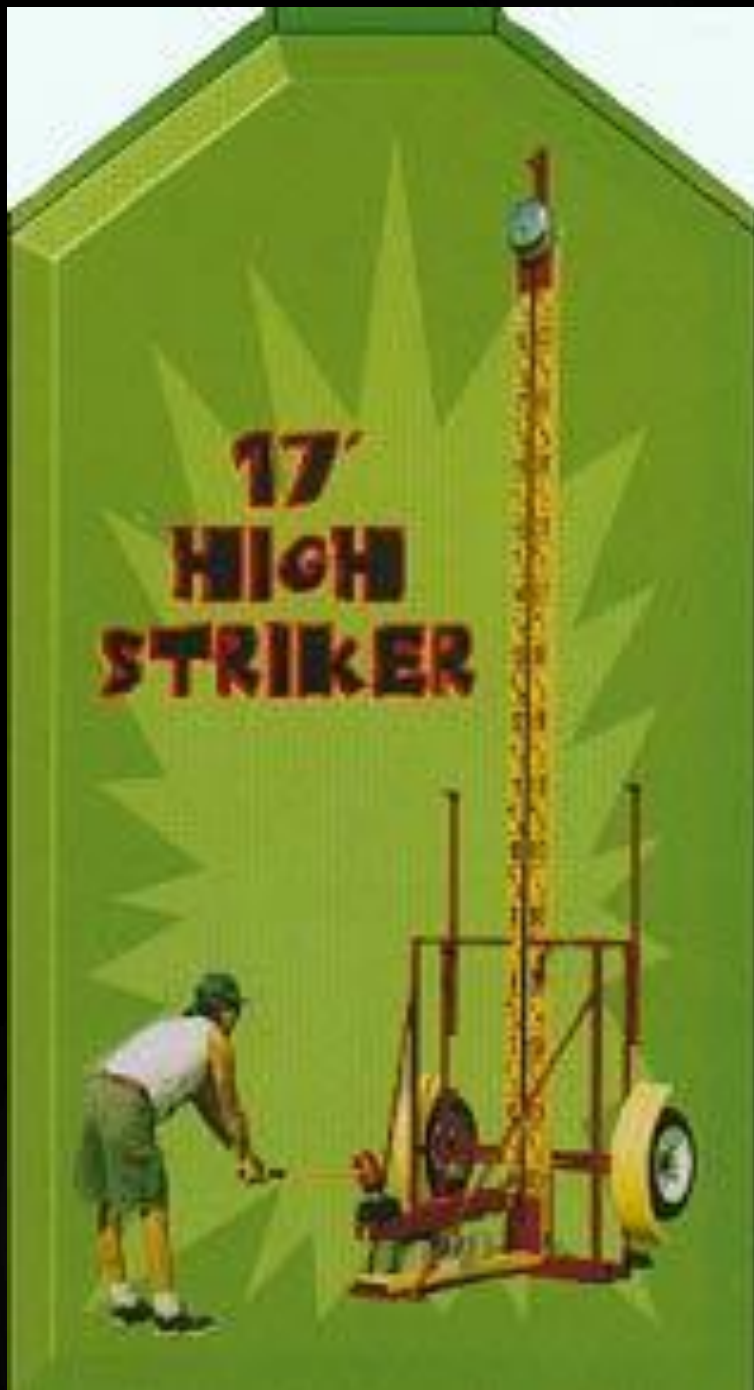
And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?”

Mark 2:8-9

“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”

And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Mark 2:10-12



OR

To them God chose
to make known how
great among the
Gentiles are the
riches of the glory of
this mystery, which is

Christ in you,
the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27