

A large, stylized blue number '4' with a metallic, 3D effect, set against a circular blue background. The '4' has a white-to-blue gradient and a shadow.

FANTASTIC FOUR



MARK 2

¹ And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that **there was no more room**, not even at the door. And **he was preaching** the word to them.

Capernaum PETER'S HOUSE

as viewed from the
synagogue in Capernaum

(Sea of Galilee
in the background)



MARK 2

³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by **four men**. ⁴ 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.



**THE CHURCH COULD ACT AS
THE FOUR MEN**

OR

**THE CROWD THAT HINDERED
HIM FROM ENTERING**

MARK 2

⁵ And when Jesus saw **their faith**, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,

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⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ 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?”

MARK 2

⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic

MARK 2

¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² 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!”