

A photograph of a large, classical-style building with a prominent steeple, overlaid with a blue gradient and the text "FIRST THINGS FIRST". The building features a portico with several white columns and a set of steps leading up to the entrance. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally across the middle of the image.

# FIRST THINGS FIRST



# Grab A Corner

Mark 2.1-12

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.

**<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”**

<sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”  
<sup>8</sup> 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?”

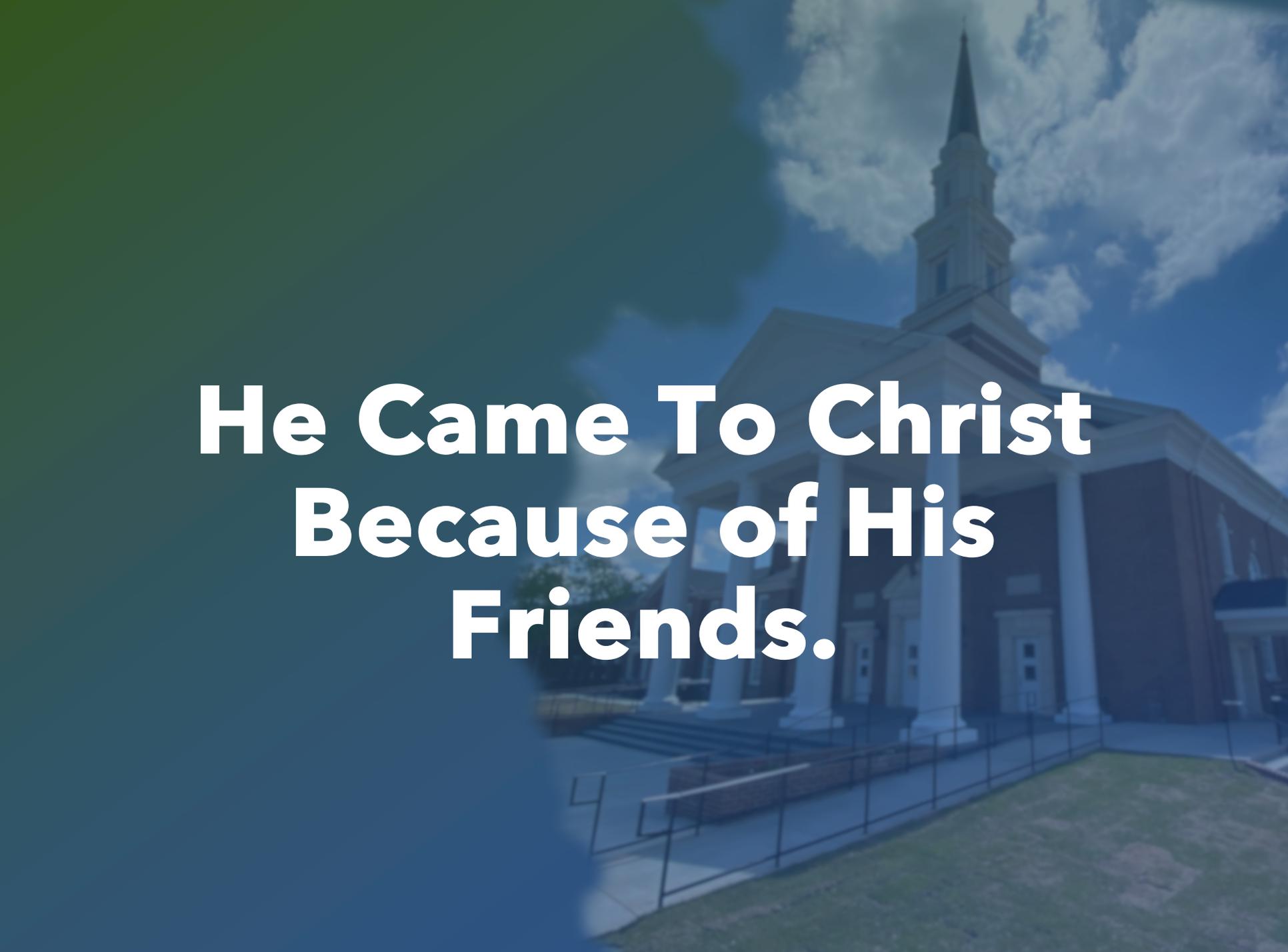
**9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?**

**10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—**

**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!”**

**Mark 2.1-12**

A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple and classical columns. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient that is darker on the left side. The text is centered in white, bold font.

**He Came To Christ  
Because of His  
Friends.**

**"...None is righteous, no, not one;  
11 no one understands; no one  
seeks for God.<sup>12</sup> All have turned  
aside; together they have become  
worthless; no one does good, not  
even one."**

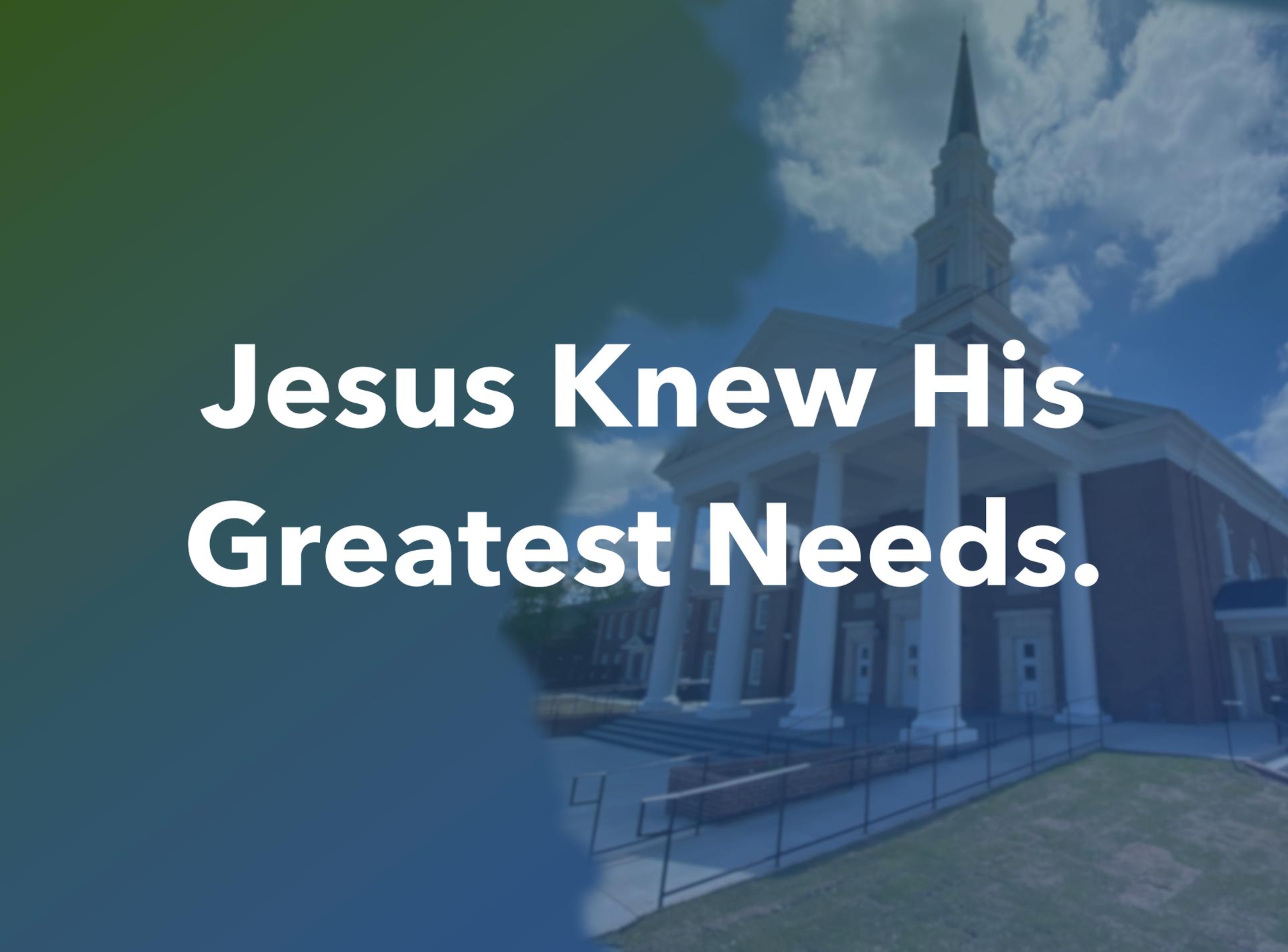
**Romans 3.10-12**

**17" ...the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."**

**Romans 3.17-18**



**His Friends Had To  
Make Extreme Effort.**

A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple and a portico supported by white columns. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient that is darker on the left side. The text "Jesus Knew His Greatest Needs." is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**Jesus Knew His  
Greatest Needs.**

A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple, set against a blue sky with white clouds. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue gradient. Centered on the image is the text "Many Lives Were Changed By What They Witnessed." in a large, bold, white sans-serif font.

**Many Lives Were  
Changed By  
What They  
Witnessed.**

he...went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Mark 2.12

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28.19-20**