

Miracles Of Jesus

Lesson 8: Jesus Makes The Paralyzed Walk

As Jesus began preaching to the people and performing miracles, news about Him spread quickly. People wanted to hear and see the Man who was able to heal the sick, make the blind see, and do many other miracles. Sometimes, great crowds of people would come to Jesus at one time, from every direction (Mark 1:45).

Then, when Jesus entered Capernaum, news of Jesus' arrival spread. Quickly, many people came to the house Jesus was in. In fact, there were so many people who came to Jesus, that there was no more room for anyone. There was not even any room by the door (Mark 2:1-2)!

On this occasion, Jesus did a few things. First, Jesus "preached the word of God to them" (Mark 2:2). After all, Jesus' most important mission was to tell people what God wanted them to do. God had sent Jesus to earth so that He would preach His word to the people who had not been doing what God wanted from them.

Then, as Jesus was preaching to the people, there was a paralyzed man who was brought to Jesus by four men. These people knew that Jesus could help the paralyzed man. In fact, they were so convinced that Jesus could help him, that they did everything they could do to make sure that the man got to see Jesus. You can read about this paralyzed man in Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 2:1-12, and Luke 5:17-26.

Since this paralyzed man was unable to walk, the four men carried him to see Jesus. But, there was a problem. There were so many people in the house around Jesus, that they could not possibly get through the house and to Jesus. But, they knew that the man needed to go to Jesus. They knew Jesus could heal him. So, they went up on top of the house, carrying the paralyzed man. They removed the tiles on top of the house and made a hole in the roof. Then, the four men lowered the paralyzed man to Jesus.

As Jesus saw this, He could see that they really believed in Him. He saw that this paralyzed man trusted in Him and believed that He had the power to heal him - so much that he would not stop until he got to see Jesus.

Because of this man's great faith, Jesus told the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven you" (Mark 2:5). So, not only did Jesus care about this man's body, but He cared about the man's soul. As the Son of God, Jesus had the power to forgive people of their sins (when they had not done what God wanted them to do).

Then, Jesus demonstrated that He is the Son of God and does have the power to forgive sins by healing the paralyzed man. He told the man, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house" (Mark 2:11). Immediately, this man (who had not been able to walk) got up, took the bed he had been laying on, and went out – while all the people were watching! And, the people who saw it glorified God, saying that they had never seen anything like that before!

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Study Questions:

1) How many people wanted to see Jesus?

2) Where was Jesus when this story took place?

3) How full was the place Jesus was?

4) What did Jesus teach the people who were there?

5) How many people were carrying the paralyzed man?

6) How did the paralyzed man get to Jesus?

7) What did Jesus do for the paralyzed man?

8) Why did Jesus do this miracle?

Memory Verse:

"Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We never saw anything like this!" (Mark 2:12).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: