

## THE STORY OF THE PARALYZED MAN

RED = MATTHEW 9:1-8

PURPLE = MARK 2:1-12

BLUE = LUKE:17-26

And when he boarded the boat, he crossed over and came to his own city, Capernaum, and it was heard that he was at home. And immediately, so many gathered together that there was no more room, not even near the door, and he began speaking the word to them. He was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the Law were sitting there who had come out of all the villages of Galilee and Judea, and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was there to heal them.

And they brought to him a paralytic lying on a little bed carried by four men. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they climbed up on top of the house, and removed the roof where Jesus was. And when they had dug an opening through the tiles, they lowered the pallet on which the paralytic lay into the midst, in front of Jesus.

And Jesus, seeing their faith,  
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said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son. Your sins are forgiven."

said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

he said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

And some of the scribes and the Pharisees said within themselves in their hearts, "This man is blaspheming. Why does this man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but one, God? Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?"

Right away, Jesus knew in his spirit that they were thinking that way, and perceiving their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you think those evil things in your hearts? Why do you reason in your hearts?"

"For which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But so that you might know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins – then he said to the paralytic – "Get up! Take up your bed and go home."

And immediately he got up; he stood up before them, lifted up what he had lain upon, and went out in the sight of them all, and went home, glorifying God.

When the multitude saw *this*, they were awe-struck; they were all beside themselves, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men. And they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today. We have never seen the like."

Now, what is really important about this story?

Really important things contained in the story of the healed paralytic:

1. Jesus had to leave Nazareth and move to another city, Capernaum, in order to complete the work God gave him to do.
2. Ordinary people, as well as Israel's religious leaders, were so attracted to Jesus that they inconvenienced themselves to be in his presence. Why?
3. Jesus was pleased to see some people tear through his roof to get to him. He saw their faith.
4. Jesus' first response to the paralyzed man was to forgive his sins.
5. The religious leaders were offended at the suggestion that God would delegate His authority to a man on earth.
6. To prove to them that God had done so, Jesus healed the paralyzed man and sent him home.
7. No one could get in the house, but the healed paralytic had no trouble getting out.