

Discover Jesus

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12

¹ A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic [a paralyzed man], carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat 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 tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying “We have never seen anything like this!” (NIV)

Get it!

1. Are there any phrases or words that you need defined?
2. Jesus comes home from preaching in the villages of Galilee and the crowds gather at his home. A paralyzed man wants to see Jesus. What’s the problem? What happens?
3. The friends of this man make a hole in the roof of Jesus’s house. What do they risk in doing this?
4. Jesus has allowed a crowd of people into his home to teach them. While he is teaching, men destroy his roof to get healed. How does Jesus respond to the paralyzed man and his friends?
5. During this scene, what is the posture of the Pharisees? (v. 6) How is their posture different from the crowd? How is the crowd’s posture different from the paralyzed man and his friends?
6. Among all the people, who gets healed and saved? Why do you think Jesus chooses to heal and save this man?
7. What is blasphemy, and why do the Pharisees accuse Jesus of blasphemy?
8. The Jewish law stated that anyone who commits blasphemy must be taken outside the camp and be put to death (Leviticus 24:13-16). What risk does Jesus take in forgiving this man in front of everyone?
9. How does the healed man respond to his healing? What does he do? Why is it important that he does this “in front of everyone”? What risk is the healed man taking?

Think about it!

1. Think about yourself and this paralyzed man. If you were sick and believed Jesus could heal you, would you break through his roof in front of a crowd to be healed by him? Explain.
2. Think about yourself and the friends of the paralyzed man. Would you carry a sick friend on top of Jesus’s house and break through his roof to help your friend get healed?
3. Think about yourself and Jesus. Would you allow a crowd into your home to teach them words of truth? How would you respond to someone breaking through your roof trying to get healed?

4. The paralyzed man and his friends boldly trying to connect with Jesus because they really believe he has the power to heal and forgive sins. What would boldly connecting with Jesus look like today?

Share it!

1. Have you been healed by Jesus or know someone else who has been healed by Jesus? Please share your story.
2. If you or someone you know has been healed by Jesus, please [share](#) your story with us!

Live it!

1. Consider how you can be bold this week in how you connect with Jesus, love someone, or help someone else to know Jesus. What could you do this week to show your faith like these men did?
2. Do you know someone who needs to be healed by Jesus? Are you willing to share with them this story and pray with them to Jesus for healing? Share.

Pray it!

1. Pray about how you want to seek Jesus boldly this week, how you want to share your story with a friend or stranger, or how you want to be bold in your faith for Jesus.
2. Ask Jesus to remove all selfishness and fear of people from your heart.