

# Jesus Heals A Paralyzed Man - Sunday AM 02/25/18

## Introduction:

A miracle is defined as a work performed by a divine power for a divine purpose. The laws of nature are broken in order for the miracle to occur. Miracles were primarily to prove or guarantee the authenticity of revelation, *Deut. 18.18-19*.

Unfortunately, there were times people were more impressed by the miracle than the revelation. I want us to study about the time Jesus healed a man on a bed.

### I) *Luke 5.18-25*; *Mark 2.1-12*; *Matthew 9.2-8*

#### A) The place was Capernaum

1. Nazareth had rejected Him, *Luke 4.16,31*
2. Capernaum became the adopted city of Jesus, *Matthew 9.1*
  - a. How many miracles and blessings Nazareth could and would have received if only they were willing?
  - b. Jesus came to His own but His own received Him not.
3. Some places will be fertile ground and some will not, *Matthew 10.14-15*
4. Unfortunately some places are like Capernaum and take the Gospel for granted, *Matthew 11.23ff*.

#### B) The crowd

1. People came from Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem.

- a. Have to give people credit for being interested in seeing and hearing Jesus.
  - b. Sad to see people not interested in the Gospel; smaller and smaller crowds at Gospel Meetings.
- 2. Would you have been there?
  - a. Would you have been there to hear the parable of the Sower? *Matthew 13.2*
  - b. Would you have been there as Jesus traveled toward Jerusalem? *Matthew 20.29*
  - c. Would you have been there to praise Jesus as He entered Jerusalem? *Matthew 21.8*
  - d. Would you have been there on Solomon's porch? *Acts 5.12-16*
- 3. Some were skeptical and some were critical.
  - a. Scribes, Pharisees, and teachers of the Law were there as well as common folks. *Luke 5.17*
- 4. At the end some charged Jesus with blasphemy, *Luke 5.21*; while others were receptive, *Matthew 9.8, Luke 5.26*

### **C) The friends**

- 1. There were four of them, they carried this man to Jesus.
- 2. Got past the crowd and let him down through the roof
- 3. This man was totally dependent on his friends
- 4. We can help to bring people to Jesus, *Romans 10.13-15*

- a. We need to be concerned about the spiritual condition of people, *John 4.35*
  - b. Fields of food will rot if not harvested.
- 5. Some times we are too quick and give up on people, stop inviting them.
  - a. Ask for Bible studies, invite people to services, handout literature.
- 6. These friends had faith in Jesus; do we have that kind of faith? *Matthew 17.20*

## **II) What Jesus Did and Why?**

### **A) Jesus preached the word, *Mark 2.2***

- 1. The word of God is what will lead men to salvation.
- 2. We need to be concentrating on the word and not be ashamed of it, *Romans 1.16*

### **B) Jesus forgave this man of his sins.**

- 1. What good is your health if you are lost?
- 2. Problem of social gospel is it does not address the greatest need of mankind.
- 3. Sin is the greatest danger to mankind, *Numbers 32.23*
  - a. Not nuclear waste, auto accidents, cancer, war, pestilence, global warming, etc.
  - b. Sin is what we all have in common.
  - c. Sin is what separates us from God, *Revelation 21.27; 20.14-15, 2 Corinthians 7.1*

### **C) Jesus healed this man**

1. Which is easier to say your sins are forgiven or arise and walk?
2. By healing the man Jesus proved He could forgive sins. *Luke 5.24-25*
3. Jesus is our hope, *Romans 5.6*

### **Conclusion:**

This man got up and walked. How about you? How are you walking? *Romans 6.10-12* As we go to Jesus we can walk in newness of life. *2 Corinthians 5.17-19* If you had been that man, the multitude, one of the scribes or Pharisees, what would you have done? What are you doing today?