

# The Miracles Of Jesus

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## The Paralytic

(Lk 5:17-26)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
  - a. Greetings...
2. Series of lesson on “The Miracles Of Jesus.”
  - a. Last week we looked at “The Leper After The Sermon”
    - i. [Mk 1:40-45](#)<sup>1</sup>
  - b. This week we will be examining “The Paralytic.”
    - i. [Lk 5:17-26](#)
3. We find here in this account a most wonderful show of both faith & love by the friends of the paralytic man and Jesus’ astute ability to correct the error of men.

### I. The Paralytic Miracle

- A. Jesus comes back home to Capernaum
  1. According to Mark it had been “some days” since He had been home.
    - i. Thus he had been gone a while teaching in Galilee.
  2. According to Matthew he came home in a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee after removing demons from two men.
    - i. Jesus was asked to “leave” Ga-dar-enes.
- B. Jesus is teaching Pharisees and teachers of the law
  1. They had come from all over the area.
    - i. Every village of Galilee.
    - ii. Judea
    - iii. Jerusalem
- C. Jesus had the Holy Spirit without measure ([Jn 3:34](#)), therefore He had the power to heal
  1. Notice the wording of [Luke 5:17](#).
    - i. ESV “And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.”
    - ii. NKJV “And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”
    - iii. LEB “and the power of the Lord was there in order for him to heal.”
- D. A paralytic man’s friends seek Jesus out
  1. They try to get to Jesus through the door of the place Jesus was teaching.
    - i. We are not sure where Jesus was teaching exactly.
      - a. It could have been Peter’s house where Jesus lived.
      - b. It could have been at someone else’s house.
      - c. It could have been a public building like a synagogue though this is less likely.
  2. They could not get to Jesus so they go on the roof and tear through the roof.
    - i. They lower their friend down to Jesus to be healed.

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- E. Jesus takes advantage of the situation to teach the Pharisees and Rabbi's a lesson
  - 1. Jesus says to the man "Take heart, my son, your sins are forgiven."
    - i. Jesus's focus was on the spiritual wellbeing before the physical wellbeing.
- F. The Pharisees and teachers of the law get upset
  - 1. They accuse Jesus of blaspheme.
    - i. Blaspheme is "a term derived from a Greek word meaning to injure the reputation of another. In the Bible it means showing contempt or a lack of reverence for God (Lev. 24:16; Mark 2:7) or something sacred (Matt. 26:65), including claiming for oneself divine attributes by word or deed (Mark 14:64; John 10:33).<sup>2</sup>
- G. Jesus uses the Pharisees and Rabbi's to prove His teaching point
  - 1. Jesus says to them, "Why do you question in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?" 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."
- H. The paralytic man was healed
  - 1. The man did exactly what Jesus said for him to do.
    - i. He rose up.
    - ii. He picked up his bed.
    - iii. He went home.
  - 2. The man did one more thing not specified by Jesus but implied none the less.
    - i. He glorified God!!!
- I. The crowds react to what they have just witnessed
  - 1. They were amazed.
  - 2. They were afraid.
  - 3. They glorified God.
  - 4. They did not consider Jesus deity not to be alone with this type of authority.
    - i. "When they crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, **who had given such authority to men.**"

## II. The Lesson

- A. We must take every opportunity to correct error
  - 1. This is, perhaps, one of the easiest and hardest things to do for every Christian.
    - i. It is easy to do this to those we are not emotionally involved in or have strong ties to.
    - ii. It is hard to do this with those we are emotionally involved in and have strong ties to.
      - a. This isn't to suggest that we are to not correct error however because we must always do so.

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<sup>2</sup> Achtemeier, P. J., Harper & Row and Society of Biblical Literature. (1985). In Harper's Bible dictionary (1st ed., p. 135). San Francisco: Harper & Row.

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2. How does one go about biblically correcting error i.e. false doctrine?
  - i. It takes planning.
    - a. We cannot properly defend the truth without first knowing it.
      1. **II Ti 2:15; Er 7:10; Ro 10:17**
  - ii. It takes practice.
    - a. We cannot properly defend the truth without actually correcting the error.
      1. **Jd 3; I Pt 3:15; II Co 10:4-6**
  - iii. It takes poise.
    - a. We cannot correct the error without staying respectful of the person who is in error.
      1. **Co 4:6; Ec 10:12; I Pt 3:15**
  - iv. It takes patience.
    - a. We cannot correct the error without understanding the person who is in error.
      1. **I Co 9:22-23**

B. Thus...

1. If we, Christians, are not prepared to correct error then who will be?

### CONCLUSION

1. Brethren, as we look at this extraordinary text on Jesus healing this man that was paralyzed let us be encourage by such.
  - a. Let us draw closer to God in knowing all the more that Jesus is our Savior.
  - b. Let us draw closer to our home above by living faithfully because Jesus is our Savior.
2. Question: Are you willing to live a Christ-like life defending truth and correcting error?
  - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
  - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
  - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent and confess your transgression before God so He can forgive you and bear fruit of repentance by dedicating the rest of your life for Him.
    - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
  - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required for you to become a child of God.
    - i. Hear/Study God’s Word **Rom 10:17**
    - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Heb 11:6; Jn 3:16; Jn 14:15**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:3**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32**
    - v. Obey The Gospel **I Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5**