



The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Eight Study Questions – Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26)

1. In what city does this miracle take place? (Mark 2:1)
 - How does Matthew's account refer to this city? (Matthew 9:1)
2. How large was the crowd that gathered to hear Jesus on this occasion? (Mark 2:2)
 - Who were some of these people and where had they come from? (Luke 5:17)
3. What actions did four men take to get the paralytic to Jesus? (Mark 2:3-4; Luke 5:18-19)
 - What did Jesus see in these men through their actions? (Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20)
 - What are some other occasions recorded in the New Testament in which people showed great persistence in their efforts to get Jesus' attention? (cf. Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 18:35-39; 19:1-10; John 12:20-21)
4. What is the first thing Jesus said to the paralytic? (Matthew 9:2; Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20)
 - Who is the source of both physical healing and forgiveness of sins? (see Psalm 103:2-3; 2 Chronicles 7:14)
 - Is physical healing sometimes used in Scripture to symbolize forgiveness of sins? (see Matthew 9:12; Psalm 41:4; Jeremiah 3:22; Hosea 14:4)
5. What did the scribes and Pharisees say within themselves? (Mark 2:6-7; Luke 5:21; Matthew 9:3)
6. How did Jesus know what the scribes and Pharisees were thinking? (Mark 2:8)
 - Is this ability one that we would expect the Son of God to possess? (cf. John 2:24-25)
 - What does Jesus search according to Revelation 2:23?
 - Who understands our thoughts from afar according to Psalm 139:1-2?
7. What two questions does Jesus ask the scribes and Pharisees? (Matthew 9:4-5; Mark 2:8-9; Luke 5:22-23)
 - Jesus' healing of the paralytic is a sign that He also possessed the power to do what?
8. How many of those gathered witnessed the paralytic arise, take up his bed and go out of the house? (Mark 2:12)
 - How many were amazed
 - What did they say? (Luke 5:26; Mark 2:12)