

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Ten

A Palsied Man Healed

Text: Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26

Introduction:

1. The leper who was healed by Jesus put forth much effort in spreading the word about the Son of God.
2. As a result, Jesus had to spend some time in deserted places, away from the crowds.
3. Finally, after some days, He returned to Capernaum and the news spread about His location.
4. Soon, a crowd surrounded the house Jesus was in and He began to preach to them.
5. Luke gives some interesting details about who was present in this crowd (5:17).
6. It was on this occasion that four men brought their friend who was paralyzed to Jesus.

I. The Miracle

- A. Again, the miracle performed was quite simple.
- B. The man brought to Jesus was “sick of the palsy.”
 1. The Greek word is *paralutikos* (παραλυτικός), from which we get our word “paralytic.”
 2. It comes from a root that means, “to loosen or relax.”
 3. Thus, Thayer says it means, “suffering from the relaxing of the nerves; disabled, weak of limb.”
- C. Jesus simply told the man to arise, take his bed and go home – thus, he was healed.

II. The Manifestation

- A. Again, Jesus demonstrated His power over sickness and disease of all kinds.
- B. However, the greater purpose of this miracle was to prove His power to forgive sins.
 1. Consider the relation between physical paralysis and spiritual death caused by sin (1 Timothy 5:6; Luke 15:24; Revelation 3:1).
 2. Keep in mind who was present in the crowd when Jesus said, “Thy sins be forgiven thee.”
 3. The scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus of blasphemy.
 4. If He were not the Son of God, they would have been correct!
 5. But, by performing the miracle, Jesus proves His power to forgive sins – and, therefore, that He is the Messiah, the Son of God.
 6. We must remember that Jesus had the power on earth to forgive sins (cf. Luke 23:43).
- C. Thus, Jesus demonstrated His deity.

III. The Message

- A. We all need help; we all must be helpers.
- B. True faith is active (John 6:29; James 2:14-26).
- C. True faith overcomes obstacles.
 - 1. We must do whatever it takes to get to Jesus.
 - 2. We must do whatever it takes to get others to Jesus.
 - 3. We must do whatever it takes to stay with Jesus (Revelation 2:10).
- D. True faith is based upon evidence.