

KINGDOM POWER, KINGDOM CALL

Episode 7: THE PARALYZED MAN...

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¹⁸ "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...." Matthew 28:18 (NIV)

THE SCENE:

¹ "And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city." Matthew 9:1 (ESV)

¹ "... the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them."

Mark 2:1-2 (NIV)

¹⁷ "...Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem."

Luke 5:17 (NIV)

THE CHARACTERS:

THE PHARISEES/SCRIBES:

- PRESENT TO EVALUATE (AND DISCREDIT) JESUS' MINISTRY.

THE PARALYZED SINNER AND FRIENDS:

² "And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed." Matthew 9:2 (ESV)

¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus."

(NIV)

Luke 5:18-19

- COME FAITHFULLY, DESIRING HEALING.

JESUS:

¹⁷ "...the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick."

Luke 5:17

(NIV)

- READY AND WILLING TO HEAL

"And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.'"

Matthew 9:2 (ESV)

THE CONFLICT:

³ "And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.'"

Matthew 9:3 (ESV)

- BLASPHEMY = TO SPEAK OR ACT WITH CONTEMPT OR IRREVERENCE BEFORE GOD.

⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Mark 2:7 (NIV)

- THE PHARISEES WRONGLY ASSUMED JESUS WAS JUST A MAN.

⁴“But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts?”

Matthew 9:4

(ESV)

- JESUS JUDGES THE PHARISEES/SCRIBES.

⁵“For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’”

Matthew 9:5 (ESV)

- JESUS POSES AN IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION.

⁶“But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—‘Rise, pick up your bed and go home.’”

Matthew 9:6 (ESV)

- JESUS PROVES HIS AUTHORITY TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE BY DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE.

THE OUTCOME:

⁷“And he rose and went home.”

Matthew 9:7 (ESV)

- THE PHARISEES DOUBTS AND DISBELIEF WERE DISCREDITED
- THE MAN WAS HEALED TWICE AND RESPONDED WITH OBEDIENCE.

⁸“When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men....”

Matthew 9:8 (ESV)

- THE CROWD RESPONDED WITH FEAR AND MISGUIDED WORSHIP.

BOTTOM LINE:

DON'T SETTLE FOR A SMALL VERSION OF JESUS

NEXT STEPS

- **BAPTISM CELEBRATION – August 4th**
 - Sign up for a Baptism Interview this week!
- **PRAY FOR ME CAMPAIGN**
 - Sign up to become a prayer partner for one of our Next Generation Students.
- **CONNECT CARD**