

# **Conversations of Jesus: Jesus Heals the Paralytic** a study for the Abundant Life Class at Gulf Coast Baptist Church by Steve Thomas 4/26/26

## **Introduction**

After the call of the disciples and the first public miracles, Jesus begins to show His credentials to the people of Capernaum, the small community around the Sea of Galilee in the north. He begins to teach, drawing large crowds wherever He speaks. Luke 5:17 (along with Matt 9 and Mark 2) gives the account of Jesus healing the paralytic man. We see the incredible faith of the man's friends to remove the roof to get their friend to Jesus, and then Jesus's power to see to the heart of men to know thoughts of the Pharisees that were present. Jesus forgives the man of his sins, and then cuts to the point with the religious leaders, telling the man to rise and walk. The miracle had the effect that Jesus intended, causing amazement and bringing Glory to God.

## **Jesus draws a crowd**

Jesus drew Pharisees, doctors of the \_\_\_\_\_ from many towns, especially \_\_\_\_\_ . Jesus was in his \_\_\_\_\_ city (Matt 9:1).

## **Be this kind of friend**

Jesus healed this man, in large part, because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his friends. They did not stop at obstacles, removing the roof of the building that Jesus was speaking in to get him to Jesus.

## **Thy sins be forgiven thee**

We are led to believe that this sickness was because of sin, because Jesus said: "Man, thy \_\_\_\_\_ are forgiven thee." This caused a stir among the crowd, especially with the doctors of the law and the Pharisees. They called this kind of speech \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Jesus knew their thoughts**

Jesus knew in the realm of his \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 2:8). To know this was miraculous, and tells us that He moved to the realm of His Deity to perform this sign miracle. These miracles were Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ to prove that He was the Messiah. These signs and wonders were prophesied for the Deliverer of Israel.

## **Messianic Credentials**

Isaiah 35:5-6: Explicitly foretells that the eyes of the blind will be opened, ears of the deaf unstopped, the lame will leap, and the mute tongue will shout for joy.

Isaiah 61:1-2: Predicts the Messiah will be anointed to bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to captives, which Jesus quoted to begin his ministry.

Isaiah 29:18: Mentions that in that day, "the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see".

Isaiah 42:7: Mentions opening blind eyes and freeing prisoners from the dungeon.

### **Jesus amazes the crowd**

Jesus equates the \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive sins with the power to heal the palsy. The power to do one gives the authority to do the other. Jesus gave this authority to His disciples from time to time, but it was His to give.

### **God receives the glory**

The healed man went home \_\_\_\_\_ God as well as many in the crowd. This began to build His following in the northern provinces.