

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## JESUS HEALED AND FORGAVE

Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5

## IS JESUS GOD OR A HUMAN? AS THE SON OF GOD. JESUS IS BOTH FULLY GOD AND FULLY HUMAN.

Jesus traveled home to the town of Capernaum (kuh PUHR nay uhm). The people gathered at a house to hear Him teach. Pharisees and other teachers of the law had traveled from villages all over Galilee and Judea. So many people came that they stood in the doorway.

Four men came to the house. They were carrying their friend on a mat because he could not walk. They wanted Jesus to heal him. The men carried their friend up to the roof. They took off part of the roof above Jesus. Then they lowered their friend so that he was right in front of Jesus.

He told the man lying on the mat, "Young man, your sins are forgiven!" When the religious leaders heard this, they thought, Who does Jesus think He is? He is being disrespectful to God! Only God can forgive sins.

Jesus knew what the religious leaders were thinking. He said to them, "Is it easier for Me to say to this man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Get up and walk'?"

Jesus had the power to forgive people's sins. Jesus showed His power on earth to forgive sins by turning back to the man on the mat and saying, "Get up, pick up your mat, and go home."

The man immediately got up. He picked up his mat, and he went home. Everyone in the crowd praised God and said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Christ Connection: The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus did something even greater; Jesus forgave his sins, and then He healed the man. Because Jesus is God, He has the power and authority to heal and forgive. Jesus forgives everyone who trusts in Him.



