

Questions for Gospel Harmony #26

Matthew 8.2-4, 9.2-8; Mark 1.40-45, 2.1-12; Luke 5.12-26

1. With what was the man afflicted who came to Jesus? What did he believe Jesus could do? How did Jesus respond to the man? How soon did the man recover? What did Jesus tell this man to do? What did He tell this man *not* to do? What did the man do? What happened as a result? (Matthew 8.2-4; Mark 1.40-45; Luke 5.12-16)

2. How did these men get the paralyzed man to Jesus? Explain the following statements (Matthew 9.2-3; Mark 2.1-7; Luke 5.17-21):
 - The power of God was present to heal them
 - Son, be of good cheer
 - Who can forgive sins but God alone

3. How did Jesus healing the paralytic demonstrate that “the Son of Man had power on earth to forgive sins”? What does it mean that “God... had given such power to men”? (Matthew 9.4-8; Mark 2.8-12; Luke 5.22-26)

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And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a leper, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and kneeling down to Him he fell on his face, worshiped Him, and implored Him, saying to Him, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. And Jesus strictly warned and charged him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; tell no one.” and sent him away at once, and said to him, “But go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter – the report went around concerning Him all the more – so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction. Now it happened on a certain day, He entered Capernaum, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then behold, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Then behold, four men carried on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying - through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” And the scribes and the Pharisees sitting there began to reason in their hearts, saying, “This man blasphemes! Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone? Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this?” But when Jesus perceived in His spirit their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? Why do you think evil in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up, take up your bed, and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he rose up before them, took up the bed he had been lying on, and went out in the presence of them all, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, who had given such power to men, and were filled with fear, saying, “We never saw anything like this! We have seen strange things today!”