

# THE PARALYZED MAN

## ENCOUNTERS *with* JESUS

LIFE CHANGING LEARNINGS FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST

LUKE 5: 17-26

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## JESUS WITH PEOPLE

MATCH THE PERSON WITH THE PHRASE

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| A. The Paralyzed Man         | 1. You must be born again                           |
| B. The Sinful Woman          | 2. I will give them back four times                 |
| C. Nicodemus                 | 3. You have had five husbands                       |
| D. The Samaritan Woman       | 4. Stand up, pick up your mat                       |
| E. Legion                    | 5. Don't be afraid, just have faith                 |
| F. Jairus                    | 6. Even the dogs eat the scraps                     |
| G. The Syro-Phoenician Woman | 7. Her tears fell on his feet                       |
| H. Zacchaeus                 | 8. Tell your family everything God has done for you |

## THE KINGDOM ARRIVES

- Jesus has just been baptized and tested in the wilderness. He begins His ministry.

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.**

LUKE 4:18-19

- Jesus is Good News. He lifts the poor, releases the captive, gives the blind sight, and sets the oppressed free. The Kingdom of God arrives with Jesus.

## THE ENCOUNTER

- V17 Jesus’ fame had spread rapidly because of his teaching, casting out demons, healing, and calling disciples. The Jerusalem leaders were there.

- Vv 18-20 Jesus saw their faith by their actions. The first order of business is the forgiveness of sins. Faith takes us to Jesus and Jesus forgives our sins.

V21 The religious leaders thought Jesus blasphemed by:

1. Denying one of God's attributes or
  2. Attributing one that was not true of God or
  3. Making himself equal to God
- Vv 22-24 Jesus counters with a question: "which is easier to say?". It is harder to say "stand up and walk" because it requires proof. But it is harder to forgive sins because only God can do it!
  - Vv 25-26 The man and the people praise God. That is the proper response to Jesus!

## ***FAITH IN JESUS UNSTICKS US***

- The Paralyzed Man's encounter with Jesus speaks to those who are stalled, stuck or stymied.
- Some know about Jesus but don't have faith, some believe in Jesus but have become stuck, and some have a question unanswered about Him. Your answer is to take action by faith in Jesus!

## ***FAITH IS THE KEY***

- Listen to what Jesus said to different people: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (7:50). "Daughter, he said to her, 'your faith has made you well. Go in peace.'" (8:48). "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you." (17:19). "All right, receive your sight! Your faith has healed you." (18:42)

## ***WHAT FAITH DOES***

- **FAITH WORKS** - The men expended great effort to help their friend.
- **FAITH PERSEVERES** - They didn't let personal inconvenience stop them.
- **FAITH SUCCEEDS** - Their faith was rewarded. The man was healed