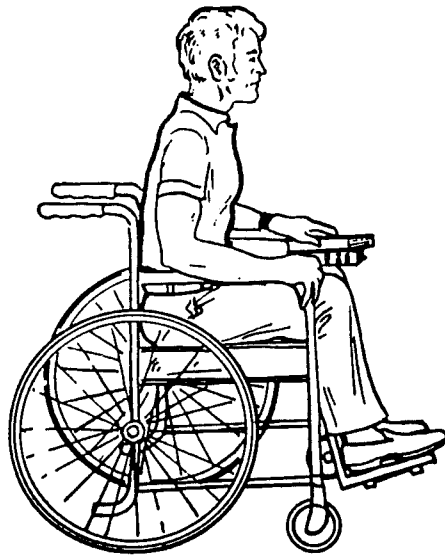


DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF

(The Miracle Of The Paralytic)



Jesus Sees All

- The Friends (v.1-4)
- The Faith (v.5)
- The Foes (v.6-10)
- The Fashion (v.11,12)

*"I say unto thee, arise, and take up thy bed,
and go thy way into thine house." (Mark 2:11)*

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“DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF”

Text: Mark 2:1-12

Subject: “I Say Unto Thee, Arise, And Take Up Thy Bed, And Go Thy Way Into Thine House”
(V. 11)

Introduction

1. This miracle reveals that Jesus was rejected by the Gadarenes and ended up back in Galilee one day.
2. He is now in a specific house in Capernaum (many believe it was Simon Peter’s house).
3. There were interested peasants and official religious leaders from Jerusalem pressing in to investigate Jesus.
4. Jesus was in their midst teaching and preaching the kingdom of God.
5. It was just like any other normal house meeting service.
6. It was Jesus, the people and “...the power of the Lord was present to heal them”. (Luke 5:17)

(Which Means...)

...that Jesus is present to accomplish any work of healing (both then and now).

I. The “Friends” Of The Paralytic (Vs. 1-4)

“And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four” (v. 3)

(What Friends?)

A. The friends were four

- #1. The sick man asked his 4 friends to take him to the meeting where Jesus was. (or)
- #2. The friends knew about the meeting and just brought their ill friend to the service.

Fact: These 4 cared enough to unite together.

Fact: These 4 cared enough to carry the man.

Fact: These 4 cared enough to go to church just like any other meeting.

B. The friends were frustrated

“They could not come nigh unto Him for the press”. (v. 4)

- #1. Here is the critical point of the miracle.
- #2. The friends get to the house meeting where the power of God is present to heal the sick.
- #3. The friends can’t get in because the house is full, and they have a choice:

◆ **Get discouraged** because of what some other attendees are doing (taking up space just to criticize this Jesus),

◆ **Get determined** because they know that Jesus will somehow be Jesus to them.

Fact: These friends were frustrated with obstacles, hurdles and impossibilities before them:

Question: Do you have any tonight?

Question: Have you brought any reasons or things tonight that would keep you on the outside?

Question: Is there anything that the enemy is using to get your eyes off the One we’ve come to see and worship?

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Question: Do you have any objections as to why Jesus can’t be Jesus to you?

C. The friends were ferocious

“And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay” (v. 4)

(Not your conventional, average, normal way of getting in)

But These Friends Know 2 Things:

- #1. On the outside is a man who is helpless to heal himself.
- #2. On the inside is a man who is able to restore and heal and do what no one else can do.

Fact: The friends cannot get in.

Fact: The friends have carried their friend the distance.

Fact: The friends take the palsied man to the roof.

Fact: They remove the tiling off of the thatched roof.

Fact: They lower the man on his pallet with ropes right in the middle of the service.

Fact: The teaching stops and people are aghast.

Fact: The scribes and pharisees are suspicious but Jesus is not indignant with the interruption.

Ask: Why isn't Jesus upset?

Ask: Why does Jesus allow this intrusion?

Ask: Why is Jesus smiling on the inside?

(Because He Sees One Thing...)

II. **The “Faith” God Honors (V. 5)**

“Jesus saw their faith” (v. 5)

Question: Who's faith?

Answer: The faith of the four friends who know one thing:

- ◆ If they can get the palsied friend to Jesus, Jesus can do what no one else has been able to do.

“Saw Their Faith” (Verse 5)

Faith that penetrated through every obstacle.

Faith that perceived Jesus as able to heal.

Faith that persevered through every barrier.

Faith that paused the meeting where Jesus was.

(What Is Faith?)

- ◆ Faith is believing that what you do not presently see, will become a reality that you will see!!

Question: Whose faith was it that arrested Jesus' attention?

Answer: It wasn't the faith of the sufferer, it was the faith of the 4 friends who:

- ◆ Climbed up the house,
- ◆ Tore off the roof,
- ◆ Stretched down the ropes, (and)
- ◆ Lowered the bed.

Ask: Can you see the 4 heads on the roof peeking down through the hole?

Ask: Can you see them expecting after the pallet gets safely to the floor?

Ask: Can you see them relieved after having done all that they could do?

(I Discover A Great Truth Here)...

#1... that there will be times when your faith is low.

#2... that there will be times when you can't pray down heaven for yourself.

#3... that there will be times when you need the assistance of others to pray for you.

(This Palsied Man And You And Me Discover:)

◆ That God answers prayers of others prayed on our behalf!

Ask: What happens when Faith and Jesus run head on into each other?

(Verse 5) "Thy sins be forgiven thee"

(Verse 11) "Arise and take up thy bed"

(It's A Double Miracle)

#1. A miracle of Grace (Forgiveness of sin)

#2. A miracle of Power (Healing in body)

#1. Jesus meets the spiritual need (A wounded conscience)

#2. Jesus meets the physical need (A broken body)

(And Both Are Available)

#1. Jesus will touch your soul (and forgive every sin you've ever committed).

#2. Jesus will touch you in body (and heal what needs to be healed in you).

III. The "Foes" Of The Gospel (Vs. 6-10)

Question: How did the scribes react to Jesus' forgiving this man?

Answer: "Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only?"
(v.7)

Notice: "And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they so reasoned within themselves"

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Jesus knew the meditations of their heart.
- ◆ Jesus knew their thoughts on the inside.
- ◆ Jesus knew the need in their own lives.
- ◆ These scribes were filled with indignation because Jesus claimed to be equal to God in forgiving sins.

Question: How did Jesus respond to the scribes?

Answer: "So you'll know that I have power on earth to forgive sin (a miracle you can't see), I'll do a miracle that you can see:

IV. The "Fashion" Of The Day (Vs. 11, 12)

"And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all, insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, we never saw it on this fashion". (v. 12)

(Which Means:)
“We’ve Never Seen Anything Like This Before”

- #1. The man immediately arose!
- #2. The man took up his bed!
- #3. The man walked out before them all!
- #4. The crowd around was all amazed!
- #5. The people glorified God and said, “We’ve never seen anything like this before”.

(Why Were The People So Amazed?)

- #1. They were amazed at Jesus’ ability to forgive every sin (the man’s and ours).
- #2. They were amazed at Jesus’ ability to know what was in their hearts (and yours).
- #3. They were amazed at Jesus’ willingness to do what no one else could do. (He’s the same Jesus today).
- #4. They were amazed that Jesus could heal a chronic long term illness.
- #5. They were amazed that Jesus honored the faith of the 4 roofers (while the religious leaders in the meeting just stood by and watched)

Fact: This miracle was supernatural, instantaneous and remarkable!

- ◆ It reveals that Jesus is a friend to both sinner and sick tonight:

If you need to be saved, or if you need to be healed, **Jesus is still Jesus tonight!!!**

Life Application:

1. Everyone has obstacles to overcome in their journey of faith.
2. Everyone will be tempted to faint from unfulfilled expectations.
3. Everyone has the opportunity to trust the Lord when facing impossibilities.
4. Everyone can receive ministry from Jesus (body and soul).
5. Everyone will face rejection from those who do not understand their purpose.

Plus:

- ◆ No one can keep God from fulfilling His plan for your life!
- ◆ No one can put you down when God wants to lift you up!

AMEN!
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