

The Cripple Walks



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I WANT TO TELL you about a great miracle of healing that was performed in a town of Galilee called Capernaum. The account of this miracle can be read in the biblical gospel of Mark. ^{Mk.2:1-12}

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this Galilean town and preached the Word of God to the people.

The Bible says that so many gathered to hear Jesus teach that the building was packed full. They brought all kinds of sick people. Religious scribes and Pharisees were also present to see what He might do.

While Jesus was teaching the Word of God to the people, many others were outside trying to force their way through the doorway to hear Him speak and to see His miracles.

Four villagers carried their paralyzed neighbor on his mat to the meeting that day, to be healed.

When we know the Lord and His great power to heal the sick and to give peace to the people who are lost, we can do like those villagers did – we can bring them to the Master. Why? Because whatever He has done for others, He will do for people today. *God is no respecter of persons.* ^{Ac.10:34} He came to this world to seek and to save that which was lost. ^{In19:10}

One of the greatest things we can do to please the Lord and to help our neighbors is to tell people about Him, about His Word – the Bible, the gospel – and about His power to forgive sins and to heal diseases.

That is why I am sharing this information with you. I want you to know that Jesus Christ lives today and that He has the power to forgive your sins and to heal your diseases right now.

Those men who carried the paralytic to Jesus could not enter through the door because of the press of people. But they did not give up. If we have real faith, we will not relent until we receive what we ask for from the Lord.

Remember, Christ promised: *All things are possible to the one who believes..* ^{Mk.9:23}

They took the paralytic up onto the roof, removed the tiling, then they let the man down through the opening they made, lowering him with ropes to where Jesus was speaking.

This seemed like an irrational thing to do, but when people have real faith in God, what they may do to get an answer to their prayers may appear to be radical. Faith in action may not seem rational but it is *biblical*.

Jesus interrupted His message and the Bible says: *When He saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, Son, your sins are forgiven.* ^{Mk.2:5}

What wonderful words – *Your sins are forgiven!* Jesus Christ is the only one who can blot out your sins. Why? Because He gave His own life and shed His own blood for you when He was crucified on the cross. The Bible says, *He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.* ^{Rev.1:5}

The biblical prophet, Isaiah said, *He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.* ^{Is.53:5} Jesus said, *This is my blood that is shed for the remission of sins.* ^{Mat.26:28} The apostle, John said, *The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanses us from all sin.* ^{1Jn.1:7}

My friend, God's Word says, *He will save to the uttermost them that come to Him by Christ.* ^{Heb.7:25} A desperate man in the Bible asked how he could be saved and Paul replied, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved.* ^{Ac.16:31} Those instructions are for you as much as they were for him.

The paralytic believed on Jesus Christ and the Lord forgave his sins and restored him physically. You can believe on Him too. He is ready to save you and heal you too, today.

No one else can save you. No priest or preacher, guru or mullah, sheikh or sadhu, rabbi or primate can ever save you. No ritual or liturgy, oblation or meditation, sacrifice or penitence can ever redeem you. Neither religion nor witchcraft can ever remove your sins and give you peace.

The Bible says, *You shall call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.* ^{Mt.1:21} It says, *There is no other name under heaven through which we can be saved.* ^{Ac.4:12}

Jesus said: *I am come that you may have*

life more abundantly. ^{Jn.10:10} He also says to us, *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.* ^{Jn.14:6} And He adds, *Whoever comes to me, I will in no way reject.* ^{Jn.6:37} He has come to save you, today.

Jesus said to the paralytic who was carried to Him for healing, *Son, your sins are forgiven.* ^{Mt.9:2} What a gift of love that was! But that was not all that he did for the man. Would Jesus leave him paralyzed? Never!

The Bible say, *He forgives all of your iniquities; He heals all of your diseases.* ^{Psa.103:3} His Word says: *I am the Lord who heals you.* ^{Ex.15:26} Believe that He is speaking to you, right now.

He said to the cripple: *Arise, take up your bed and go your way to your house.* ^{Mk.2:11} How good the Lord is! The man immediately arose, took up his bed and walked. And all the people glorified God. ^{v.12}

Here is more Good News: The Bible says, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.* ^{He.13:8} It also says, *I am the Lord and I change not.* ^{Mal.3:6} He is the same today as He was in biblical days.

I have told multitudes of people about Jesus in nations around the world. I have seen thousands of cripples healed, blind people who received sight, deaf people who received hearing, dumb people who have spoken and incurable people who have been restored. And I have seen tens of thousands of people saved, receiving peace in their hearts through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and through receiving Him as their Savior and Lord.

We have shared the Good News of Jesus Christ and of His mercy with multitudes of from 20,000 to 300,000 in over 80 nations, among people of almost every major religion.

What He has done for these other thousands, He will do for you today. Jesus urged, *Have faith in God.* ^{Mk.11:22} *Only believe.* ^{Mk.5:36}

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