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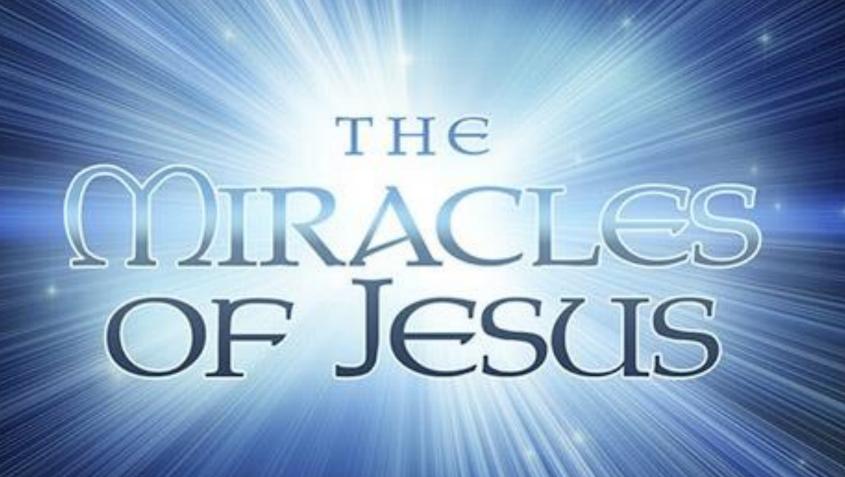




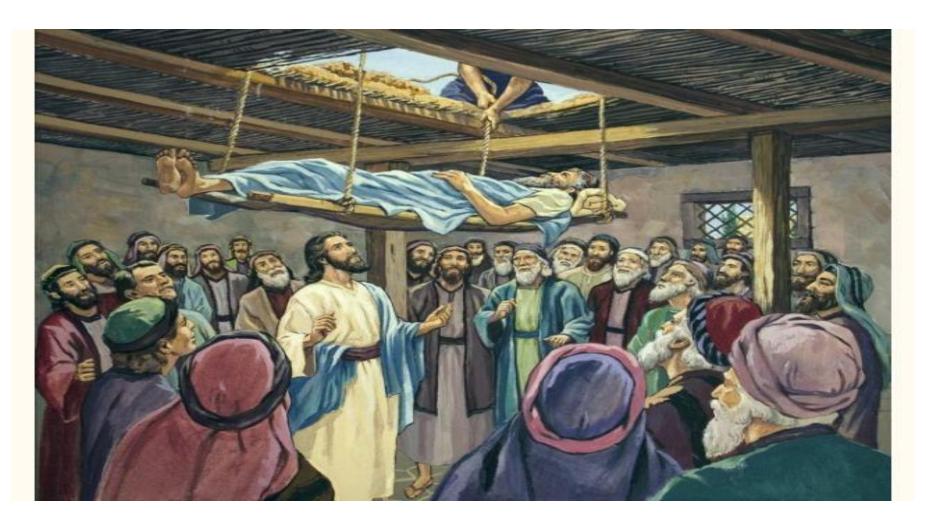
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### Jesus the God Man



The Healing of the Paralytic Luke 5:17-26, cf., Matt.9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12

#### INTRODUCTION

- Question: What is the most important thing about Jesus?
  - Is it the fact that He was a good man, a good teacher, a doer of good works?
  - Is it the fact that He is the Saviour of mankind?
  - Is it the fact that He is an ever present help in times of trouble?

- Actually, the most important thing about Jesus Christ is WHO HE IS!!
  - The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the second Person of the Trinity, the God-man.
  - It is important for Jesus to be man, otherwise, He would not be able to die (e.g., God and angels cannot die a physical death)
  - However, if Jesus were only a man, His death could not pay for the sins of the world because He Himself would be a sinner (e.g., the physical death of one man would not count for the sins of whole world)
  - It is important for Jesus to be God, otherwise, He would not be able to pay an **infinite** price for the sins of the whole world, and that payment price be efficacious for all who believe.
  - Out eternal destiny is based on the fact that Jesus is both God and man.

- Lesson: The Lord Jesus Christ is both God and man with the authority and power to forgive sin.
- The healing of the paralyzed man in Luke 5:17-26 (cf. Matt. 9:1-8 and Mark 2:1-12) will show three features that demonstrate that Jesus is more than an ordinary man, that He is the God-Man with the authority and power to forgive sin.

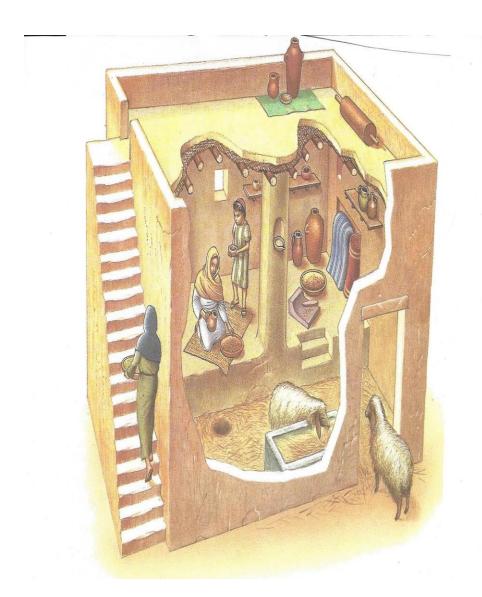


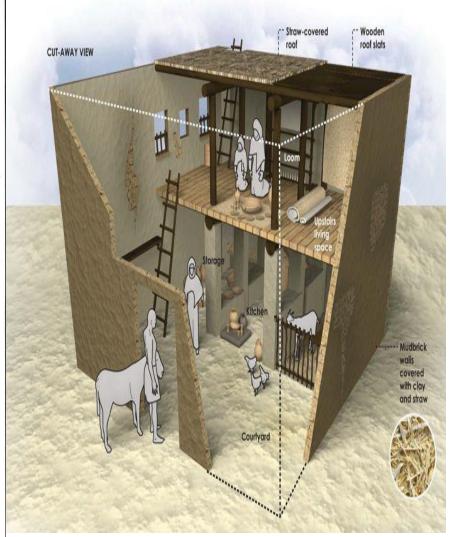


# JESUS CHRIST HAS THE ABILITY OF DIVINE PERCEPTION

- THE CONTEXT: Some men brought on a stretcher, a paralyzed man to be healed by Jesus—breaking through the roof of the house to do so.
  - When it became known that He had returned to Capernaum, multitudes gathered to hear Jesus teach and to be healed by Him.
  - Mark notes that so many people had gathered that there was no room left in the house, not even outside the door.
  - Luke notes that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law who were present, who came from the various towns of Galilee and Judea, and even all the way from Jerusalem (e.g., 120 miles if one went around Samaria, 90 miles if one went through Samaria).
  - On this occasion a paralyzed man had been carried by his friends (e.g., they could have been family members or relatives) from his home to the house in which Jesus was teaching.

### A standard first century house



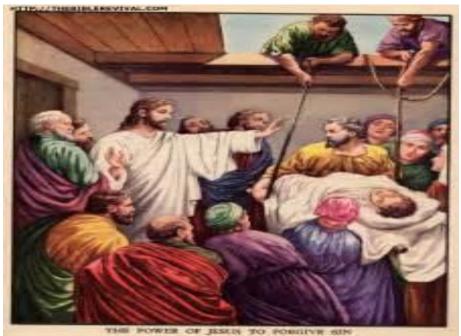


- THE CONSIDERATION: Jesus has the power of perception—this shows that He is no ordinary man.
  - Jesus perceived the faith of the paralyzed Man and his friends (e.g., their faith was real, it was persistent, and it was rewarded).
  - Jesus perceived the true need in the heart of the paralyzed man (e.g., his real problem was not his paralysis but his sin before a holy God)
    - A person's sickness or disability may not necessarily be the result of a personal sin, however, the existence of sickness and disability is the result of sin in the world and death that came in the world as the result of sin.
    - Man's problem is NOT that he is physically sick, disabled, economically poor, or a victim of injustice and oppression--his real problem is that his sin has separated him from a holy God.
    - Note: Jesus responded to the paralyzed man's faith and dealt with his principle need first—his sin)

- Jesus Perceived the Evil Thoughts in the hearts of the Scribes and Pharisees (e.g., who were there not to learn from Jesus but to test Jesus and to determine whether or not He was a man of God or a deceptive fraud).
  - On hearing Jesus say to the paralyzed man "Son, your sins are forgiven you," the Pharisees began to reason in their hearts critical, negative thoughts about Jesus (e.g., Jesus has committed blasphemy by usurping the rights and prerogatives of God, thus He can not be a man from God; He can not be the Messiah, thus we have a good reason to reject Him with a clear conscious!)
  - **Special Note**: A false or misunderstood view of Jesus will lead one to reject Jesus (e.g., no one will come to Jesus for forgiveness of sins unless they know and understand who Jesus is—Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or He is indeed the Lord!)
  - Illustration: Many African Americans reject Jesus because they assume that He is a "white boy," I.e., a European white man whose purpose is the enslave, oppress, extort, and discriminate against the black man.
  - **Point:** The fact that Jesus has the ability to perceive the inward hearts of men shows that He is more than just a man.

# JESUS CHRIST CLAIMED THE AUTHORITY TO PARDON

• THE CONTEXT: When Jesus saw their faith (I.e., the paralyzed man and his friends), He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."



- THE CONSIDERATION: Jesus has the authority to forgive sins. This shows that He is more than an ordinary man.
  - This authority to forgive sins is divine (e.g., a man can forgive, but he cannot remove the eternal consequences of sin.
  - This authority to forgive sins is complete (e.g., men tend to forgive partially and selectively; the Lord forgives you for "all" of your sins).
  - This authority to forgive sins is a here and now reality (e.g., God's forgiveness is not something we only hope to get in the future, we get it in the present time—at the moment of faith
  - This authority to forgive sins is **permanent** (e.g., God does not forgive you of your sins, and then change His mind and "**unforgive**" your sins!!!!!)

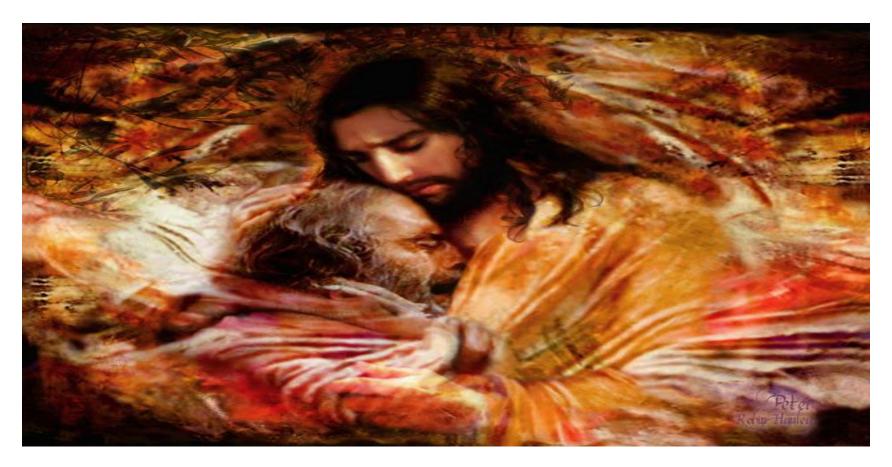
# JESUS CHRIST HAS THE POWER TO PRODUCE HEALING

- THE CONTEXT: Jesus reasons with the scribes and Pharisees about His ability and His sovereign right to forgive sins.
- The challenge: Jesus asked the Pharisees "Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk'?'
  - It was easier to say "Your sins are forgiven" because there was no way to test or prove that the forgiveness was real (e.g., that statement would be subjective).
  - It is more difficult to say "Rise and walk" because success or failure would prove that one is either genuine or a fraud (e.g., that statement would be objective).

- The certification: In order to prove that He was the "Son of Man" with the authority to forgive sin, Jesus healed the paralyzed man.
  - Note: The title "Son of Man" identifies Jesus with man in His humanity, having all the limitation of humanity, yet without sin (I.e., Christ became fully man in the Incarnation without ceasing to be God).
  - Note: The title "Son of Man" also identifies Jesus with sovereign, universal, lordship and authority--as seen in the fact that He has the authority to forgive sins (I.e., Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth).
  - Note carefully: The scribes, the Pharisees, and the people were amazed by what Jesus did, and some were even filled with fear, BUT they were all left with the question, "Who is this man who can forgive sins"

#### A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

#### WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS?



Will You Come To Jesus For Forgiveness Of Your Sins?

### RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- 1. Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.