

“ON ONE OF THOSE DAYS...”

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Jesus' Healing of the Paralytic

“On one of those days...the power of the Lord was with Him to heal...And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, ‘We have seen strange things today.’” (read Luke 5:17-26)

SUMMARY:

The healing power of Jesus Christ is available to us today! God uses both conventional methodologies—through gifted Doctors and the proper use of medication—and He also offers us supernatural power through prayer and the intervention of His people. Isn't it interesting that it was the 'religious leaders' of that day that questioned the validity of Jesus' healing power. One of the most important ministries in our churches today is a 'healing ministry' for the needs of people. Take note of how Jesus handled this 'controversial matter' in the healing of the paralytic:

NOTES:

- I. INTENSIFIED OPPOSITION

- II. IMMEASURABLE OPPORTUNITY

- III. IMPORTANT OBSERVATIONS
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question:

Do you believe that a 'healing ministry' should be practiced by believers in churches today?

Discussion:

- *Are the same 'powers to heal' still available to us today?
- *What was the reason that Jesus told this paralytic first that 'his sins were forgiven'?
- *Share an encounter that you have personally experienced where you have witnessed the 'healing power' of Jesus Christ.
- *What approach should you take with those who may be 'charlatans' (pretenders) who are out to take advantage of people in a 'healing ministry'?

APPLICATION:

*The greatest 'healing' that anyone can have is a 'spiritual one' to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

*Don't underestimate the 'healing power' of Almighty God, for when it is beyond human explanation (Lk. 5:26)...He and He alone gets the glory!

*Realize the important role that you play as a 'friend' to someone who desperately needs to be brought to Jesus for 'healing!'

ON YOUR OWN...

Read the following scriptures:

Luke 5:17-26

Luke 18:1

James 5:13-18