

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 7  
Healing Paralysis  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family.

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## Conversation Starter

What is one of the most painful injuries you've ever suffered?

## Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 9:1-8](#); [Mark 2:1-12](#); and [Luke 5:17-26](#) (Reading #45 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Why did Jesus draw such large crowds wherever He went? What were some reasons people flocked to hear Him and see Him?
2. What are *your* primary motivations for seeking Jesus?
3. What does it mean to live with *passion for God*?
4. Why were the scribes and Pharisees so adamantly *against* Jesus?
5. In your understanding, is physical illness always, sometimes, or never the result of sin? What Scripture passages lead you to believe this way?
6. Name several things that are true about Jesus from this story.
7. What are the *smaller things* you turn to for comfort (to ease the pain of life) instead of turning to Jesus?

8. What physical ailments or spiritual brokenness are you bringing to Jesus for healing?
9. The paralyzed man had great friends! As a result of their faith, he experienced healing, and many others were filled with awe and brought to faith. What impact would you love to make on the world, the church, or in a person's life this year? What will be the ripples of your life at the end of 2017?

**For further study**, compare this story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man with [Isaiah 35](#). What does God restore? How are these passages similar? Write down words and phrases from this chapter in Isaiah that seem most significant to you. Thank God for the *hope of restoration*.

## Soul Training

Name at least one area of your life where you need God to work. Talk to Him about this. Ask God to bring healing and transformation. Use this time to build into your daily life the *practice of seeking God*.

## Memory Verse

*Then the news about Him spread throughout Syria. So they brought to Him all those who were afflicted, those suffering from various diseases and intense pains, the demon-possessed, the epileptics, and the paralytics. And He healed them.* [Matthew 4:24 \(HCSB\)](#)

## Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Feb 13	39, 40		<a href="#">Mark 1:21-28</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 4:31-37</a>
Feb 14	41, 42		<a href="#">Matthew 8:14-17</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 1:29-34</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 4:38-41</a>
Feb 15	43		<a href="#">Matthew 4:23-25</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 1:35-39</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 4:42-44</a>
Feb 16	44		<a href="#">Matthew 8:1-4</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 1:40-45</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 5:12-16</a>
Feb 17	45		<a href="#">Matthew 9:1-8</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 2:1-12</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 5:17-26</a>

## Prepare for Next Sunday

The main passage for Sunday, February 19 is [John 5:16-47](#) (Reading #49 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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