

## Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read parallel passages **Matthew 9:1-8**, **Mark 2:1-12**, and **Luke 5:17-26** from several translations.

For additional insight go to [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org) and [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org).

1. These four men may have heard of Jesus' healing work in Capernaum (e.g., in chapter 8 the leper, the centurion's son, and Peter's mother-in-law), and decided to bring the paralyzed man to Him. The Mark and Luke passages speak of their determination to get the man to Jesus, even going as far as to make a hole in the roof. How does that determination relate/compare to our commitment in bringing the lost to Christ for salvation?
2. Jesus knew why the men had brought the man to Him, but He immediately looked beyond the physical need. What do we see when we look at the people with whom our paths cross each day? What is or should be our first concern?
3. This is one of the instances where Jesus not only heals physically, but also forgives sin. Why do you suppose He chose to say to the man, "Your sins are forgiven" before physically healing him?
4. What was Jesus claiming when he told the man, "Your sins are forgiven"?

Why did the religious leaders accuse Jesus of blasphemy? What was the penalty for blasphemy as stated in Leviticus 24:16?

What did the religious leaders not know about Jesus that may have altered their opinion.?

5. Jesus exposes and rebukes them for their evil thoughts. Knowing there was no way to verify that the man's sins had been forgiven, He heals the man of his paralysis to show the veracity of His power. When He brings salvation (spiritual healing) to a person, what does He desire to do to verify that action?
6. As the man headed home carrying his mat, what do you think he and his four friends may have spoken about?
7. The multitudes marveled and glorified God, but they missed the significance of the miracle. Jesus did it not to demonstrate that God had "given such power to men" but to demonstrate that God's presence was among them in Jesus.<sup>1</sup> Is it possible that we often miss God's purpose in His actions in our lives? How so?

<sup>1</sup> The Jeremiah Study Bible, 1296