

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic
Matthew 9:1 – 8; Mark 2:1 – 12; Luke 5:17 – 26

The Synoptic Gospels (Mathew, Mark and Luke) each record the event of Jesus forgiving and healing the paralytic man. By completing the following exercise, you will be better able to see how each of the Gospel writers add details that the other writers did not include. By comparing the three accounts, you will gain a more complete account of this miraculous event.

1. **Matthew 9:1** records that “He (Jesus) got into a boat; crossed over and came to His own city.” Comparing this with **Mark 2:1, 2 and Luke 5:17**, answer the following questions:
 - a. What was the name of the city that Jesus entered?
 - b. Did Jesus teach the people immediately once He arrived into the city?
 - c. Who was in the house listening to Jesus teach?
 - d. The Lord’s power was available to do what?
2. **Matthew 9:2a** says, “Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed.” Comparing this with **Mark 2:3, 4 and Luke 5:18, 19**, answer the following questions:
 - a. How many men brought the paralytic to Jesus?
 - b. What is another word that is used for “paralytic?”
 - c. How many people were at the house when the men arrived there?
 - d. What did the men do in order to make sure that Jesus saw the paralytic?
3. Comparing **Matthew 9:2b; Mark 2:5 and Luke 5:20**, answer the following questions:
 - a. What did Jesus see?
 - b. What did Jesus say to the paralytic?
4. Comparing **Matthew 9:3; Mark 2:6 and Luke 5:21**, answer the following questions:
 - a. In addition to the scribes, what other group of religious leaders were in the house?
 - b. What did they accuse Jesus of?
 - c. Did these men verbalize their thoughts?
 - d. What two questions did they ask?
5. **Matthew 9:4, 5** tells us that Jesus knew their thoughts. Comparing this verse with **Mark 2:8, 9 and Luke 5:22, 23**, answer the following questions:
 - a. How did He know their thoughts?
 - b. What was His response?
6. Comparing **Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:10 and Luke 5:24**, answer the following questions?
 - a. What did Jesus want the people to know?
 - b. How did He prove it?
7. Comparing **Matthew 9:7,8; Mark 2:12 and Luke 5:25, 26**, answer the following questions:
 - a. What did the man do?
 - b. What was the response of the crowd of people to what Jesus had done?