



JESUS HEALS THE PARALYSED MAN.

Friends let him down through the roof. Jesus says, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Pharisees. "Who is this fellow? Only God can forgive sins." (Luke 5:21) They accused Jesus of blasphemy. To prove to them that he had the authority to forgive sin Jesus then heals the man. Pick up your bed and walk!

WHO IS THIS FELLOW?

We know his mother and father, where he stays. But they did not "know" Jesus. At one time Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" Elijah, prophet, John the Baptist. Who do you say I am?" Peter says, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." The question confronts us too. Who is this man? The Christian faith centres on Jesus and we need to 'know' him.

Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

The Pharisees thought they knew Jesus. But they did not! Do You? If you know about Jesus in time you will come to 'know' Jesus. In this sermon I am going to tell you about Jesus, so that you will come to 'know' him.

1. JESUS FULLY HUMAN He was born and grew in the normal way. Got hungry, thirsty, tired, ate and drank and needed to sleep. He had all the limitations of human flesh. He had emotions like compassion and sorrow. He needed to pray to God. He was a human being. After the resurrection some thought he only appeared to be human in the way that angels sometimes appear as humans. No! Jesus was really human.

John 1:14 "The word became flesh"

1 John 4:2 "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh"

1 John 1:2 "...we know him and saw him"

Phil 2:7 Paul said Jesus was "made in human likeness"

Heb 2: 14-17 "...he shared in their humanity"

2. JESUS ACTED LIKE GOD He claimed:

- to be the son of God (implied equality with God) (blasphemy)
- in such perfect communion with God that he did only what God said
- to be one with the Father (blasphemy)
- seen me seen the Father (blasphemy)
- to be able to send the Holy Spirit
- to also be the judge of the world
- to be able to raise the dead
- that everyone's eternal life depended on him
- Lord of the Sabbath (i.e. greater than the law)

John 14:11

11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

If Jesus was only human then his teaching was arrogant and sinful. To show that he had authority to forgive sin, Jesus healed the paralysed man. The miracles proved that what he said about himself was true.

Jesus could speak like God and act like God because he was God in the flesh.



BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE: HEALING THE BLIND MAN

When Jesus healed the man born blind, he gets taken to the Pharisees. They question him. Who healed you, how, what did he do. Who do you say he is? He is a prophet. The Pharisees then call his parents. Is this your son? Yes. Was he blind since birth? Yes! How is it he now sees? We don't know, he is of age ask him. So the man goes through the whole story again.

Come now give glory to God - we know this man is a sinner. In a testament of faith the man says. Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. What I do know is that I was blind and now I see. Why don't you believe me. Do you also want to be his disciples? They ridicule him and excommunicate him from the synagogue.

John 9:35-41

Spiritual Blindness

The question is, "Do you believe in Jesus?" Do you see him? Jesus said at the start of this story, "I am the light of the world."

5 FACTS ABOUT JESUS

1. Jesus was a physical, mortal human
2. Jesus had the authority of God, he could heal the sick and forgive sin
3. Jesus had shared in God's glory
4. It is appropriate for people to worship Jesus
5. Jesus is truly human and truly divine, showing us what God is like

3. PREVIOUS LIFE

He claimed to be alive before Abraham was born. (John 8:58)

John tells us that the universe was made through the Word. (John 1:3)

Colossians 1:16

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

John 17:5

5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

He is: "the image of the invisible God" (Col 1:15)
"the exact representation of his being" (Heb 1:3)

Who is this fellow? He is a divine being who became flesh.

The one who was able to bridge the gap between that which is holy and that which is sinful.

4. HE WAS SINLESS

1 Pet 2:22 He committed no sin.

2 Cor 5:21 He knew no sin.

Jesus always had a greater desire to obey God rather than to sin.

5. JESUS- FULLY DIVINE AND FULLY HUMAN

Only a divine being could forgive our sin, redeem us and reconcile us to God. If Jesus were only human it would be wrong to worship him. But because he is divine we are commanded to trust him, to worship him, to know him.

6. THE CROSS

Shows us how much God loves us. The fact is, Jesus the Son of God was willing to suffer and die an excruciating death so that he might conquer sin and in so doing reconcile us to God. God has given you and me the most amazing gift ever. Eternal life with himself. No greater blessing could ever exist.

John 17

3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Colossians 3

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

When he appears we will be like him because we will see him as he is. When that happens our eyes will be opened. We will see him, truly see him. Our eternity will no longer be hidden. It will not be something we believe in. Not just an anticipation. It will be a reality.

We anticipate that glorious day. With Jesus as our savior we can be confident that our salvation is secure.