

Take up Thy Bed, & Walk!

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In the days of Jesus, he healed the sick and raised the dead. He opened the eyes of the blind. He straighten withered hands and caused the lame to walk, the deaf to hear and the dumb to talk. He even cast out devils, bringing sanity back to the minds of those who had lost it.

The purpose of these miracles was to show us that without God, we are "dead" in our sins. We are "blind" and "sick." We are "lame" and "withered" by nature. We are "deaf" and "dumb." and even without a "sound mind."

God sent His only begotten Son to rescue the one creation that he had created in His image, after His likeness, which is, **MAN**. And, as Jesus healed during the time of his ministry (service), God, through the power of His word, "heals" us from the "disease" of spiritual darkness and unbelief, but only if we "hear" the **RECORD** of His word.

Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost as the scriptures declare: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

While in Jerusalem during the Feast of the Jews, Jesus saw a man lying on a bed and asked him, "...Wilt thou be made whole?" (John 5:6).

What about you friend? Will you too be made whole?

The man responded to Jesus and said, "...Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me" (John 5:7).

When you and I come to realize our own "helplessness" and acknowledge that there is "...no man...", including our selves, that can solve our "helplessness," then God comes to "seek" and to "save" through the **GOSPEL** of His Word: "...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first (to Israel), and also to the Greek (or Gentiles, meaning, 'us')" (Romans 1:16).

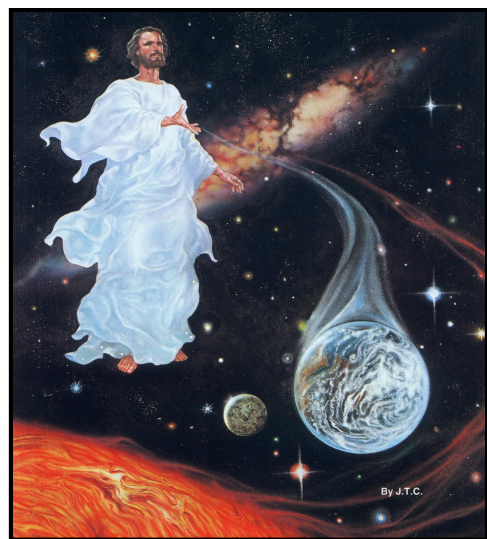
Jesus replied to the man, "...Rise, take up thy bed, and walk" (John 5:8). "And IMMEDIATELY the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked" (John 5:9).

No, God doesn't heal on the "installment plan" or in increments. God is **INSTANTANEOUS!**

God said that "If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

God, who promised eternal life before the world began, cannot lie. Read these words: "In HOPE of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, PROMISED before the world began" (Titus 1:2).

For better, or for worse, God will **KEEP** His promise "Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he WILL NOT PARDON your transgressions: for my name is in him" (Exodus 23:21). So, Rise up and Walk!



We use the OLD King James Version:

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:"