Luke 5:17-26 Matthew 9:1-8 Mark 2:1-12

Walking with Jesus Luke 5:17-26 (NIV) 17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem.

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And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

John 9:1-6 (NIV)

As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," He told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

The primary purpose of miracles is spiritual awakening

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Who then can be saved?

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible Matthew 19:26, Mark 10:27, Luke 18:27

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Pharisees response: Skepticism

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?

23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

"25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

Pharisees response: Skepticism
Paralyzed man's response: Praise

26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

 Pharisees response: Skepticism
Paralyzed man's response: Praise
Crowd's response: Amazement, Praise and Awe.

Walking with Jesus How do you respond to Jesus?