

CLEANING THE HOUSE OF GOD #4 WHEN JESUS IS IN THE HOUSE

We have learned what happened when Jesus came to the temple, when Hezekiah cleansed the temple, and when Nehemiah cleansed the temple. What happens then when Jesus is in the house?

Mark 2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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When Jesus is in the house....

1. EVANGELISM occurs

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Jesus will always draw a crowd. When people hear what Jesus is doing, they will come. They will not know unless someone tells them.

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2. The WORD is preached

V2and he preached the word to them.

Jesus depended on the Word to move and bless people. How can we do less?
The Word has preeminence over any aspect of service.

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3. PEOPLE WILL DO DESPERATE things to get his touch.

³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴
Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on....

4. There is ANTICIPATION.

V 5 When Jesus saw their faith...

The crowd hindered these men getting the paralytic to Jesus. They had so much anticipation they would not make room even for a sick person. Would these men do? They would rip a hole in the roof and lower him in front of Jesus.

They would not wait!

They would not allow people to keep them from coming to Jesus.

They removed all hindrances that would keep them from placing this man before Jesus.

Faith will move Jesus to your need.

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5. SIN is dealt with.

V5...“Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Jesus dealt with this man’s greater need; the need to be forgiven of sin. He perhaps dealt with the cause of the illness. He moved on this man because of the faith of his friends. He wants to deal with sin first then the sickness.

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6. HEALINGS AND MIRACLES occur.

V 10 ...He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

The same faith it takes for salvation is the same faith that is needed for healing.

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This is more of a miracle than a healing. He had been paralyzed and now he is walking! He had to learn to walk again. He was walking!

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7. There is AMAZEMENT.

¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "**We have never seen anything like this!**"

8. JESUS is accepted as DEITY

V7..... Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Jesus responded by forgiving the man and healing him. That answered the question about who is he, He is God!

The crowd praised God.

The crowd was amazed.

Something tells me that the men holding the rope felt a sudden release as the man got up. How do you think they felt?

Oh God let us take hold of the rope that lets someone have an encounter with Jesus.

Which was greater the man being saved or healed?

God amaze us with having a part in leading someone to Christ that is a testimony to the entire crowd!