

JESUS & THE PARALYZED MAN

Four Possibilities:

The man _____.

Jesus offers _____.

The man puts his _____ in a _____.

Jesus offers _____.

The man is _____ with his _____.

Jesus offers a _____.

The man is _____ his _____.

Jesus offers _____ & _____.

A Revelation:

The healing is an _____ of _____.

Questions for Further Growth

For the week of May 9, 2010

1. Read John 13:1-30. Notice that Jesus washes *all* the disciples' feet, including Judas. How is this an act of grace on Jesus' part? What parallels do you see with the story we read this week?

2. Read John 9:1-5. Jesus is very clear when he states that there is no connection between sin and physical ailment. And yet...in the John 5 story we read this week, there seems to be a connection between this man's physical condition and his spiritual condition. What connections do you see? What do you make of this?

3. Pastor Tim talked about four possible ways of looking at the paralyzed man. Which one is most like you and why? Does Jesus' offer resonate with you? If so, how? If not, why not?

4. Think of a time when you did something really kind for someone and they didn't express any gratitude whatsoever. How did that make you feel?

How might we go about becoming more like Jesus – helping people in need *regardless* of how they react? What do you think is the key to being able to do this consistently?

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Four Possibilities:

The man lacks direction.

Jesus offers purpose.

The man puts his trust in a false hope.

Jesus offers true hope.

The man is comfortable with his sickness.

Jesus offers a new identity.

The man is playing his role.

Jesus offers honesty & dignity.

A Revelation:

The healing is an act of grace.