

Bringing Others TO CHRIST

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- ~ **Occurs in Capernaum** [*Jesus' "own city"*] - (Mk 2:1,2; Mt 9:1)
- ~ **He did many miracles there**
 - ◆ Healed the centurion's servant - Mt 8:5-13
 - ◆ Healed Peter's mother-in-law - Mt 8:14-15
 - ◆ Cast out many demons - Mt 8:16
 - ◆ From Cana He healed the nobleman's son at Capernaum - Jn 4:46-54

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~ **Yet those in the city brought judgment upon themselves -**
cf. Mt 11:23-24

Matthew 11:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

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¹ And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. ² Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. ³ Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*.



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⁴ And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."



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⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '*Your sins are forgiven you*,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?



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¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ¹² Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw *anything* like this!"



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~ Lessons from the text

- ✦ Jesus has the power to forgive sins / The deity of Christ - 5-12
- ✦ Spiritual illness is more serious than physical illness - 8-12
- ✦ Some reject the truth regardless of the evidence - 6-8; Mt 11:23,24
- ✦ The value of friends who care enough to help in time of need -3-5;
- ✦ The value of visible, persistent faith - 4,5; James 2:18

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~ Lessons from the text

- ◆ We cannot deal with our sin apart from Jesus - Jn 14:6
- ◆ The greatest service we can provide another human being in this life is to bring them to Christ!
- ◆ We should be willing to do everything in our power to bring others to Jesus

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To Bring
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~ **The Lord -**

- ◆ His Authority – Mat 28:18-20
- ◆ His Sacrifice for mankind – 2 Cor 5:14

~ **Ourselves**

- ◆ Our Faith / Commitment / Loyalty / Love / Zeal – or our SELFISHNESS

~ **The Lost**

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Lead Them To Christ



As His servants we are to draw attention to Jesus not ourselves - (2 Cor 4:5)

- ✦ Must lead them to the REAL Jesus - (Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Cor. 11:4)
- ✦ We should not be out to make proselytes, only Christians - (Mat 23:15; Acts 11:26)
- ✦ If converted to Christ, - a member of His church! - (Acts 2:47; Ep. 5:23)

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Exhibits Faith In Jesus

Jesus saw their faith



- ✦ They truly believed that Jesus would be able to help their friend - thus they **ACTED** - (3,4; cf. James 1:21-25; 2:14-19)
- ✦ Do we trust in the power of Jesus & the gospel? - (Rom 1:16; James 1:21; Isa. 55:11)

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Exhibits Love & Compassion



They must have cared for this man and desired to see his need met - (3,4)

- ◆ God so loved us that he gave His Son - (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10)
- ◆ We should love as God loves - (Mat 5:43-48; 1 John 4:7-21; Mk 6:34)
- ◆ We are commissioned to sow seed, not judge soil - (Mat 13:3-8; 1 Cor. 3:5,6)

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- ✦ When love Leads others Christ - love covers a multitude of sins - (1 Pet 4:8; James 5:20)
- ✦ Our love for God, Jesus & those who are lost motivates us to do whatever we can to lead them to Jesus who can save their souls - (4; cf. Rom 9:1-3; 10:1-3)

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They Worked Together



Four men worked together to get this man to Jesus - (3,4)

- ✦ Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs to preach the kingdom of heaven - Mark 6:7
- ✦ Paul had help on his preaching journeys - Acts 13:1-3; 15:40
- ✦ We can work together to bring people to Jesus – utilizing one another's individual talents and resources - Eccl. 4:9,10

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They Were Determined To Succeed



~ **The trouble to which they went - (3,4)**

- ◆ Carried the man to the house-
- ◆ Got up on the roof,
- ◆ Removed roofing, made a hole
- ◆ Let him down thru the hole.

~ **Unless we are willing to be inconvenienced, we won't bring many people to Christ**

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They Were Determined To Succeed



- ~ **Demonstrates the value they had placed upon their friend -**
- ~ **There will always be obstacles & resistance. -**
- ~ **Do we care enough about another's soul that we will not quickly give up on them? - Mat 16:26**

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Acts 8:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:8



**Christians in the
New Testament
Were Very
Evangelistic!**

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- ~ **Every Person Needs Jesus - Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12**
- ~ **The greatest service we can provide another person is to bring them to Christ! - Acts 8:4**
- ~ **Are We willing to do everything in our power to bring others to Jesus?**

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Variety of Aides

- ~ **Radio programs**
- ~ **Internet: Website / Facebook / Email**
- ~ **Cd's / Audio files**
- ~ **Videos**
- ~ **Correspondent Courses**
- ~ **In home Bible studies**



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Jesus Can Save You!



- ~ If you have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ, you are lost, you need to have your sins forgiven!
- ~ Will you allow us to help you know Jesus? We can teach you & if you believe that Jesus is the Christ, repent of your sins, we can baptize you into Him today! - Acts 2:38; Gal 3:27

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1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (NKJV)

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

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⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸ For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

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⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.