



Down Through the Roof

Jesus was in a house in the town of Capernaum. There were so many people in the house that no one else could even get in the door!

Some men brought their friend to Jesus. The man was a paralytic. He was paralyzed and could not move. His friends believed that Jesus could make him well, but they couldn't even get in the door.

They had an idea. They would find another way into the house. If they could get up on the roof, they could remove a part of the roof and make a hole above the crowd. That is just what they did. Then they attached ropes to the bed on which their friend was lying and slowly lowered him down into the room, right in front of Jesus!

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Some Jewish leaders were sitting there and they were thinking, "Only God can forgive sins. How can this man tell him that his sins are forgiven."

Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said, "Which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven', or 'Take up your bed and walk'?" Of course the easier thing would be to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' Jesus was God and really could forgive sins, but there would be no way to prove if this had really happened.

So to prove to them that he could forgive sins, He did the harder thing. He said, "Take up your bed and walk." And the man who had been unable to move, stood up and walked. Everyone could see what had happened as a result of Jesus' words.

The people could hardly believe their eyes. They had never seen such power!

The story of the man let down through the roof for healing can be found in Mark 2:1-12.

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