

Sunday, April 22nd



- Where was the Paralytic lying down?
- What did Jesus say that healed the man?
- True or false: the paralytic was grateful that Jesus healed him.

Praying Together:

Lord Jesus,
You healed the paralyzed man
from both his physical illness and
from sin. Help us to always be
grateful when You take away our
sins through Your Resurrection.
Help us also stay away from
repeating sins.

Amen.

Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs

Apr. 22/18, Sunday of the Paralytic (3rd Sunday after Easter)

- 1. Where was the Paralytic lying down?
 - 1. The Bethesda pool.
 - 2. According to the *Orthodox Study Bible*, "This double-basin pool, believed to have curative powers, has been discovered about 100 years north of the temple area, near the Sheep Gate. The water for this high-ground pool came from underground springs and was used to wash down the sacrificial lambs before they were slain. [...] Under the old covenant, a great multitude (v. 3) waited to enter the water for physical healing after an angel touched it (v. 4). The waters were special in that they were a way of indirectly participating in the animal sacrificed of the temple, since the animals were washed in the same water. Yet the grace was limited to the first person to enter." ¹⁴
- 2. What did Jesus say that healed the man?
 - 1. Jesus said, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ¹⁵
 - 2. When the Pharisees asked the man who had made him well, he responded, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk." 16
- 3. True or false: the paralytic was grateful that Jesus healed him.
 - 1. True
 - 2. Jesus finds the man in the Temple later on, presumably giving thanks to God for the healing.
 - 1. As a note on John 5:14 states, "That the man was found in the temple shows his great faith, for he had gone there directly to thank God for his cure rather than departing to someone's home or to the marketplace." ¹⁷
 - 3. What the man might not have realized is that Jesus didn't just heal him from his physical ailment, He also healed him from his sin: "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing comes upon you." 18 The physical illness is bad enough, but it's even worse to have a spiritual illness.
 - 4. This is a good lesson for us in gratitude and striving to stay away from sin. Because Jesus died on the Cross for our sins and rose on the third day, He takes away our sins, even before we ask. We should therefore recognize the magnitude of this sacrifice and always be grateful for it so we can someday spend eternity with God in Heaven.

¹⁴ Note on John 5:2-4, p. 1431

¹⁵ John 5:8, Orthodox Study Bible, p. 1432

¹⁶ John 5:11, Orthodox Study Bible, p.1432

¹⁷ Orthodox Study Bible, p. 1432

¹⁸ John 5:14, Orthodox Study Bible, p. 1432