Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man- Matthew 9

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. They lowered him through the roof just to get him to Jesus! When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

At this, some of the teachers of the law thought to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming! How dare he think he can forgive sins!

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

*Many people who witnessed Jesus' miracles were filled with awe. This means that they were amazed! Some people even praised God after seeing Jesus' miracles. However, the Jewish teachers did not like that Jesus was healing people and forgiving sins. They said he was blaspheming- which means disrespecting God. This was not possible, because Jesus is the Son of God. *

Questions:

1. What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?
   a) He was sick
   b) He was dying
   c) He was poor
   d) He was paralyzed

2. Was Jesus happy to see the man being lowered from the roof? Write yes or no.

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3. How do we know that Jesus was happy OR unhappy to see the man?
   a) He was angry that they disrupted his lesson
   b) He forgave the man's sins right away
   c) He heard the thoughts of the teachers of the law
   d) He healed the man before He did anything else

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4. Why were the teachers of the law upset with Jesus?
   a) Because he can perform miracles
   b) Because he was happy about the man coming through the roof
   c) Because he forgave the man's sins
   d) Because he heard their thoughts

5. The teachers of the law said that:
   a) Jesus can forgive sins
   b) Only God can forgive sins
   c) The man is not forgiven
   d) The man is not healed

6. Why can Jesus forgive sins and perform miracles?
   a) Because He is not a teacher of the law
   b) Because He is angelic
   c) Because He is God
   d) Because he has never sinned

7. Jesus wanted the teachers of the law to understand that:
   a) Being healed from sickness is the most important thing
   b) Being able to walk is necessary
   c) Some sentences are easier to say
   d) He can forgive sins and perform miracles

8. Write T or F for true or false next to each statement. ONLY write the letters T or F.

   a) Jesus can read minds. _____

   b) Jesus forgave the man's sins first_____

   c) The crowd was not amazed by Jesus._____

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