

Jesus' Miracles- How People Reacted

There were many kinds of reactions to Jesus' miracles. Some were good and some were bad. Read the following Bible stories about two of Jesus' miracles to find out what some of those reactions were.

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man- Matthew 9

9 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, **"This fellow is blaspheming!"**

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ⁶ 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." ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ 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. *

Jesus Heals a Lame Man- John 5

5 Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. **2** Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, ^u with five covered porches. **3** Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. ^u **5** One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, **10** so **the Jewish leaders objected**. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

11 But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

12 “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded.

13 The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. **14** But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” **15** Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Some people, like the Jewish Leaders, did not react happily when they saw Jesus’ miracles. They were jealous of Jesus’ power. They wanted Jesus to be killed.

Fill in the blanks. Two words from the word bank will not be used.

killed	jealous	blaspheming
objected	disrespectful	work
praised	awe	evil
Sabbath	raising	sin

1. The Jewish Teachers said that Jesus was _____ when he told the paralyzed man he was healed and forgiven.
2. Blasphemy means to be _____ to God.
3. When a crowd of people saw Jesus heal the paralyzed man, they were filled with _____.
4. Many people _____ God when they saw Jesus heal the paralyzed man.
5. Jesus asked the Jewish Teachers: "Why do you entertain _____ thoughts in your hearts?" because he knew they were angry with Him after he healed the paralyzed man.
6. When Jesus healed the lame man, he healed him on the _____.
7. The Jewish Leaders _____ to the healed man carrying his mat because people were not supposed to _____ on the Sabbath.
8. The Jewish Leaders were _____ of Jesus' power.
9. Jesus was so powerful that the Jewish Leaders wanted Him _____.