

Walking with the Word
(Study of Jesus' interaction with People)

WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT?
(Will the Real Gospel Please Stand Up)

Matthew 9:2-7 ² Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”** ³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”**—then He said to the paralytic, **“Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”** ⁷ And he arose and departed to his house.

* More Important? Healing Physically or Spiritually?

John 5:1-14 ¹ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, **“Do you want to be made well?”** ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, **“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”...V14** ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, **“See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”**

* More important? Providing better living conditions or dealing w/Sin Issues?

John 3:1-21 - Nicodemus

- * More Important? Religious Discussion or Eternal Destiny?
- * More Important? A Social Gospel or Dividing Gospel (3:18)

John 8:1-11 – Woman Caught in Adultery

- * Important? Acceptance/Tolerance of a Lifestyle or Dealing w/Sin?

John 8:12-24 – Jesus and the Pharisees

- * More Important? Finding “Common Ground” or Eternal Destiny?

Application

1. Realize/Discern what is really going on – Physical/Spiritual?
2. Seek to make impact in Spiritual/Eternal!