

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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## ***Day 16: Jesus Forgives and Heals***

”So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 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.”

Matthew 9:1-2 NKJV

### **Jesus Saw Their Faith**

It’s amazing how faith can be seen! Jesus saw their faith. He was actually referring to the friends of the paralytic who carried him up into the rooftop and lowered the paralytic from the roof. The scenario is that the house where Jesus was at was so crowded with people that they could not bring him in close to Jesus, so they went to the rooftop.

”Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies?

Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

Luke 5:17-26 NKJV

Note: When the power of the Lord was present to heal, Jesus saw their faith. The combination of the two was just so powerful that not even the contradictions and accusations of blasphemy could stop a powerful miracle from happening.