

**“JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD ([Acts 2:22](#))”
Miracle #7 – “PALSIED MAN THROUGH THE ROOF”**

([Matthew 9:1-4,5-8](#); [Mark 2:1-4,5-8,9-12](#); [Luke 5:17-20,21-24,25-26](#))

The creator Christ brings amazement, glory and fear in some and in others ... not!

A LITTLE HISTORY:

In the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments, generally speaking, addressed the **outward sins** of Israel ... stealing, lying, honouring Mum and Dad and so on ... and were told to love their neighbour as themselves ([Leviticus 19:18](#)). The law is found in the two commandments of love the Lord thy God and your neighbour as yourself ([Matthew 22:36-39,40](#)).

Now with the arrival of Christ on earth, he puts his finger on the **inward sins** as outlined in the Sermon on the Mount ... You must be **pure in heart** to see God ([Matthew 5:8](#)); **Lusting** after women is adultery and equal to the act ([Matthew 5:27-28](#)); **Pluck your eye out if necessary** if it causes you to sin ([Matthew 5:30](#)); **You have to be perfect like God** ([Matthew 5:48](#)); Give **alms** in secret ([Matthew 6:1-4](#)); **Pray** in secret ([Matthew 6:5-8](#)); **Forgive** others or God won't forgive you ([Matthew 6:14-15](#)); **Fast** in secret ([Matthew 6:16-18](#)); No worrying about **food and drink** ([Matthew 6:25-28,29-32,33](#)); Take no **thought** about tomorrow ([Matthew 6:34](#)); No **hypocrisy** ([Matthew 7:1-4,5](#)) and so on.

Soon after the Sermon on the Mount, Christ in forgiving the sins of a palsied man, uncovers the evil thoughts of the pharisees and scribes ... no amazement, no glory or fear ([Luke 5:26](#)).

FOUR LEARNINGS:

1. Today, we get saved by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ ([Acts 16:31](#)) and it is Christ's faith that saves us ([Ephesians 2:8](#)) ... to believe is to be fully persuaded ([Romans 4:20-22](#)). In the Old Testament and while Christ was on earth, a man's belief, and therefore his faith, would save him, not Christ's. Hence they only had temporary salvation ... be based on human faith. Christ **saw their faith, based on their full belief. They were determined.**

2. Knowing men's inner thoughts, Christ knew that **this palsied man's condition was the result of sin.** Needed first was forgiveness of sin and his physical healing followed.

3. Only God can forgive sins ([Mark 2:7](#)), angering the scribes and pharisees as here was **Christ calling himself God ... which he was** ([1 Timothy 3:16](#)).

4. Which is easier to say ... “Walk” or “Your sins are forgiven”? As Christ is the Word ... he **first** speaks words and the physical heavens and earth then **manifest** ([Genesis 1:1](#)).

Here, Christ **speaks first**, the forgiveness of sins, and physical healing then **appears**. As night follows day, the manifestation of Christ's words is 100% guaranteed.

APPLICATION:

"And they were all **amazed**, and they **glorified** God, and were **filled with fear...**" ([Luke 5:26](#)) ... **except** the scribes and the pharisees.

Question: Dear Reader, why aren't there more people getting saved today?

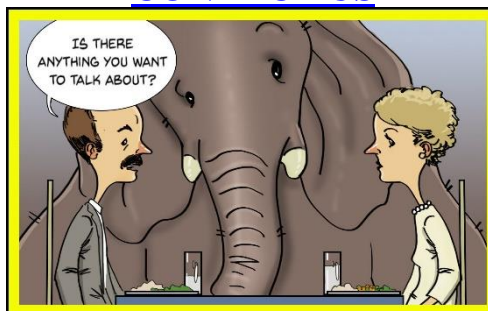
Answer: People are **not amazed at Christ's creation, they do not glorify Christ** and **they are not filled with fear** as the scriptures say ...

"Because that which may be known of God is **manifest in them**; for **God hath shewed it unto them**. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen** ... even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are **without excuse**: ... when they knew God, **they glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful ... there is **no fear of God** before their eyes" ([Romans 1:19-21](#); [Romans 3:18](#)).

Dear Reader, these are the unsaved, self-righteous religious church-goers of today.

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