

Luke 5:17-26 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things 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, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Quite a Day – The Messiah Revealed

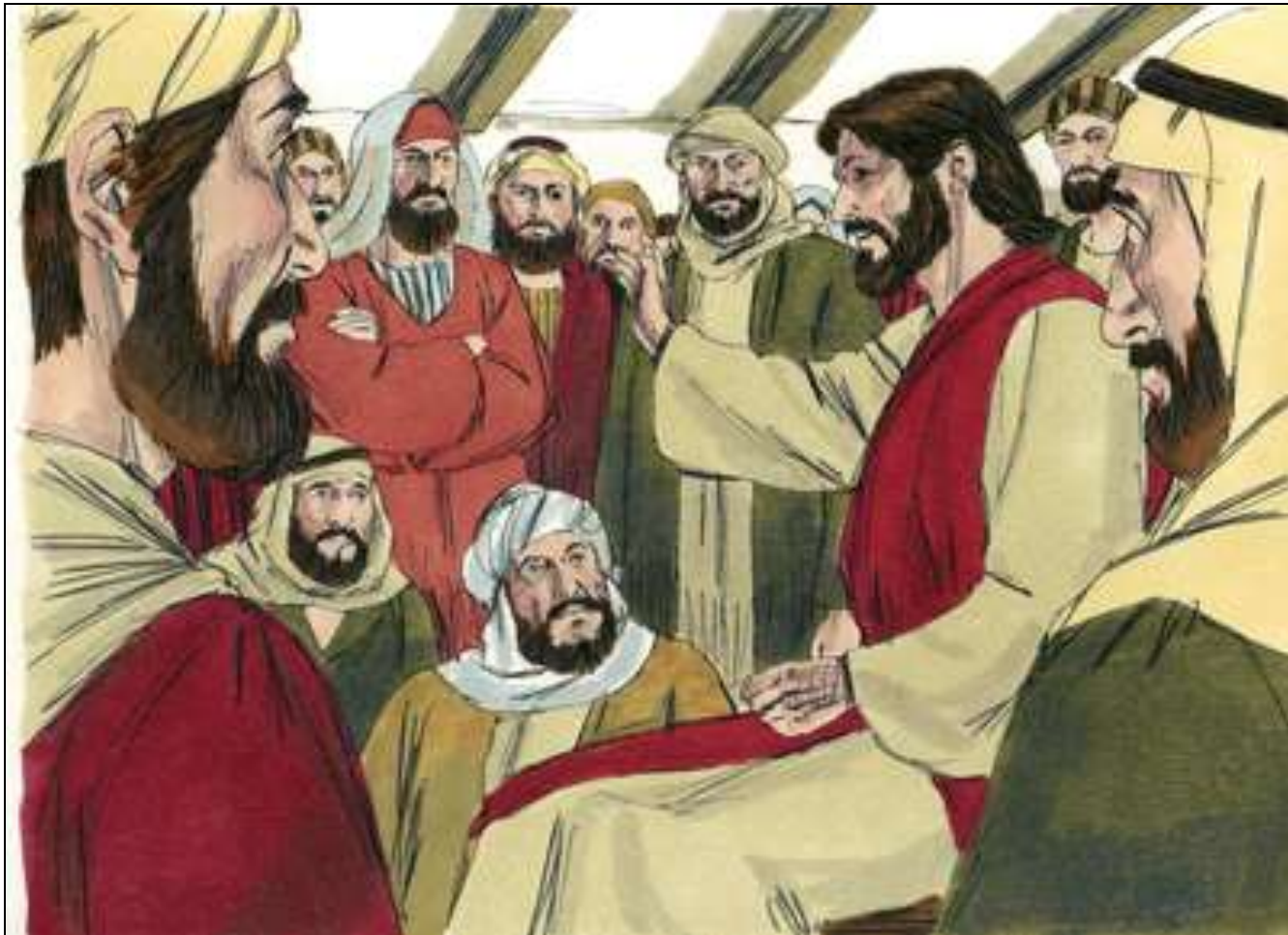
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Why did they turn up? Looking for trouble – a slip-up?

People were beginning to get the message about Jesus
... therefore official opposition and growing hostility

And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.



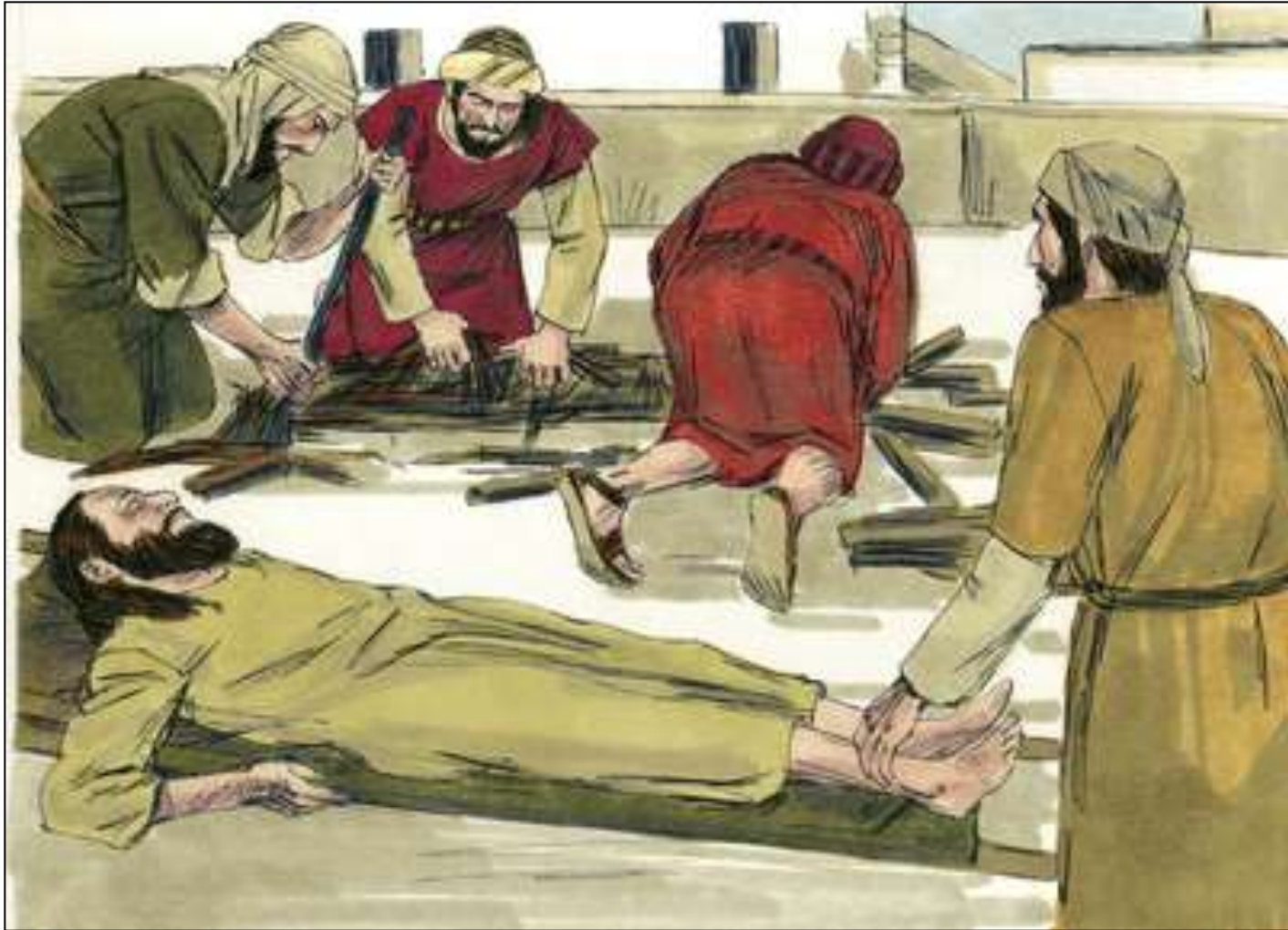
**The Holy Spirit ?
Faith – expectancy ?**

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How did this come about – helping someone get to Jesus ?

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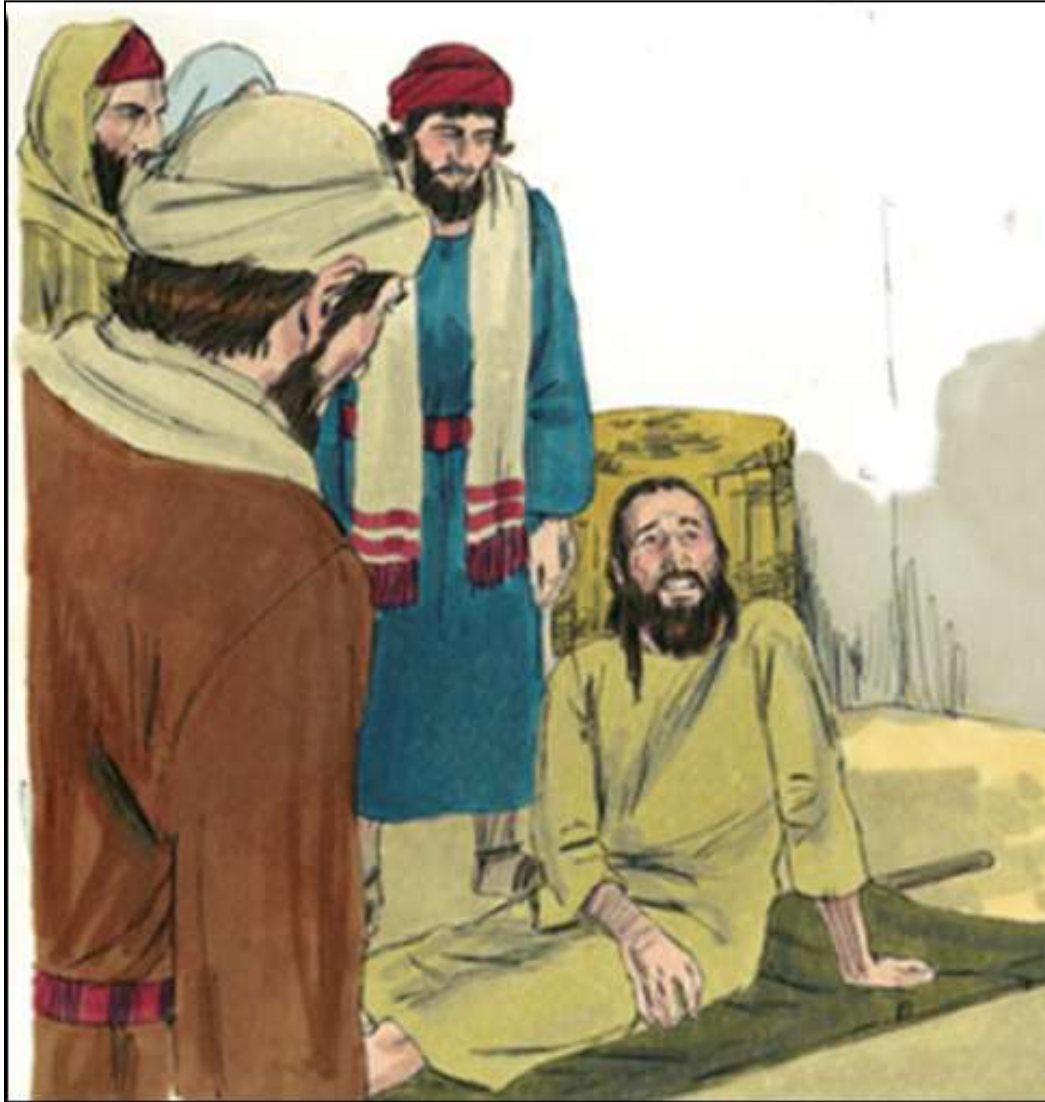
The power of faith and persistence

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Worried about what people will think ?

When Jesus saw their faith,



When two or three (or 4 or 5)



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Did he come hoping to be healed?

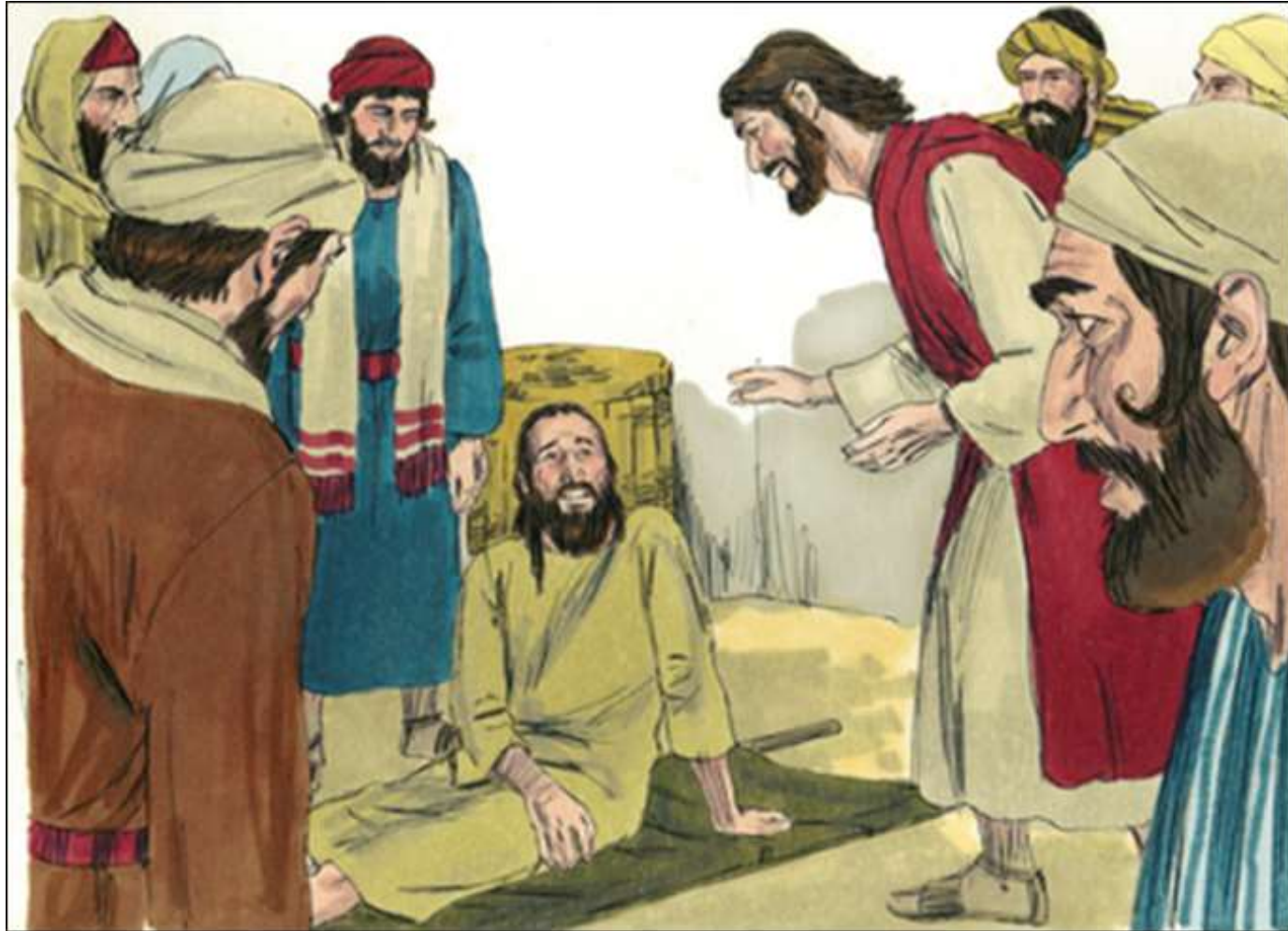
Was he thinking about how he had got into this mess?

How did he feel when he saw Jesus?

Why did Jesus deal with him this way?

Was Jesus using him to teach the Pharisees etc.?

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**Deal with the cause of *his* problems
His greatest need**

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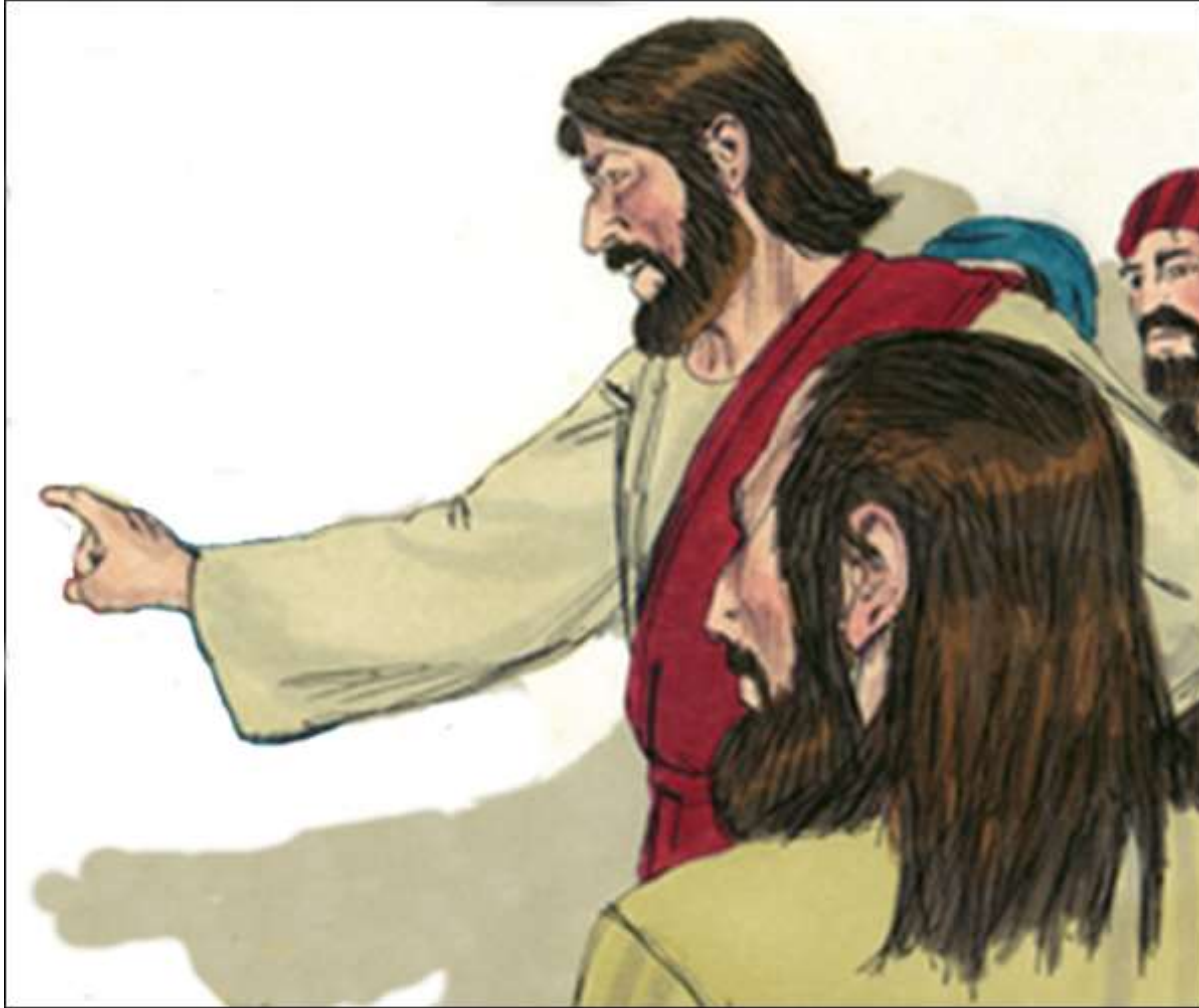
What does this tell us about Jesus then and now?

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The Answer ?

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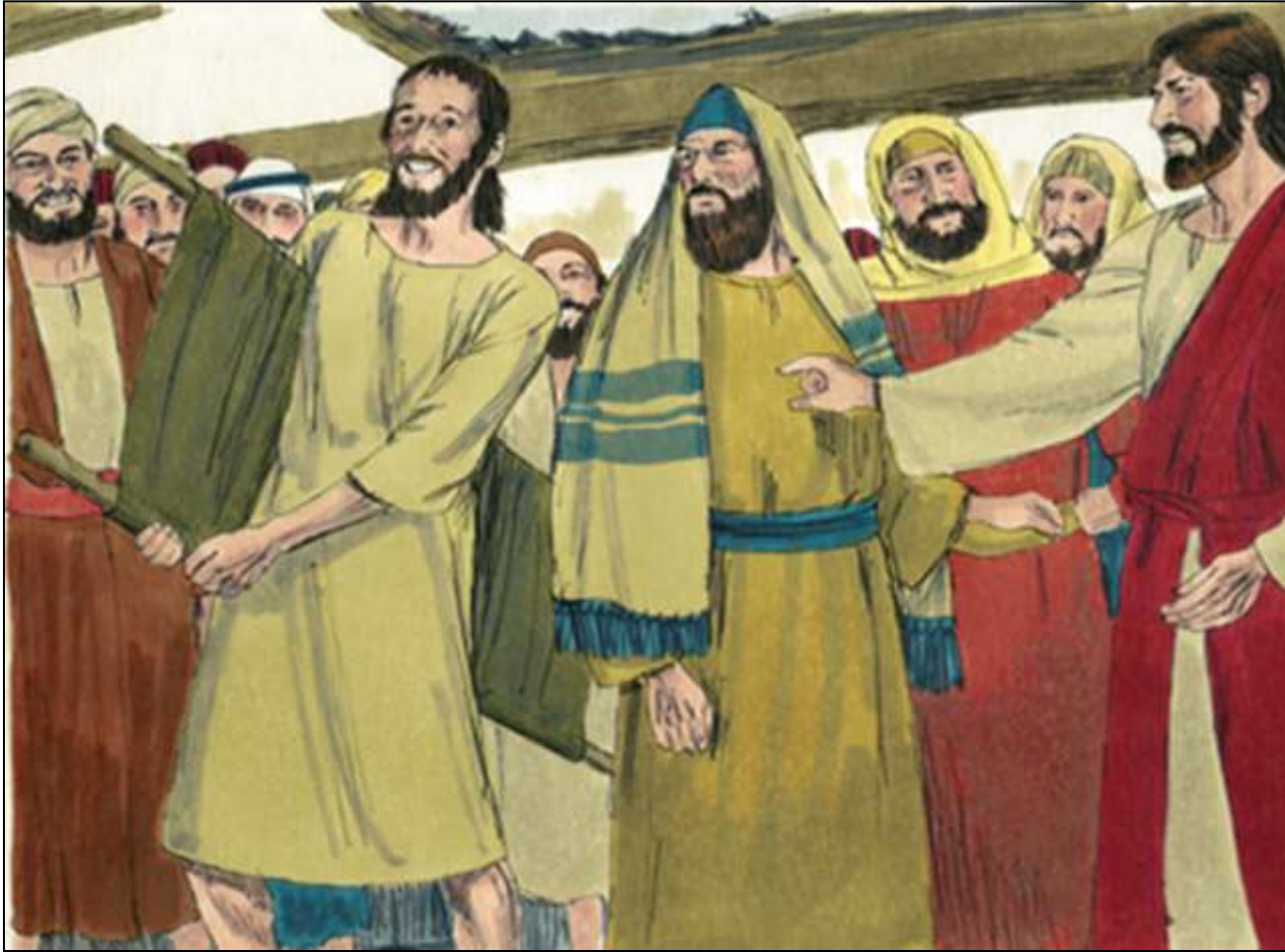
Who is the Son of Man?

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Make the connection!

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When Jesus 'says', it's DONE

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What is your greatest need today?

Sin separates you from a relationship with God

