**A Leper is Cleansed**

(Mt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16}

[LK5:]12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell {on his knees MT, MK} with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

[MK 1:]41 Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

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**Healing and Forgiving a Paralytic**

Mt. 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26)

Mark 2:1-2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Luke 5:17-21 with Mark 2:3-4, Mt 9:2 Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. Some {fourMK} men cam carrying a paralytic 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 {made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through itMK} 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 {take heart, sonMT}, 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?”

Mark 2:8-11 with Mt 9:4 Immediately Jesus Knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these [evilMT} things? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins…” He said to the paralytic, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

Luke 5:25-26 with Mt. 9:8 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 {who had given such authority to menMT}. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”