

“The Miracles of Jesus 3”

Part3

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Scripture Text: John 5:10-16 CSB 10 and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “This is the Sabbath. The law prohibits you from picking up your mat.” **11** He replied, “The man who made me well told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

12 “Who is this man who told you, ‘Pick up your mat and walk’?” they asked. **13** But the man who was healed did not know who it was because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 After this, Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well. Do not sin anymore so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.” **15** The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. **16** Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

It is always amazing that self-righteous people focus on legalism and miss God's miraculous grace in another person's life. These temple worshipers faithfully attended their temple gatherings but had no problem passing him by year after year as he lay on his mat. They may have given him donations, a few coins, to appear charitable among their peers. The man could be found daily lying in his designated space for years, suffering from paralysis for thirty-eight years.

They saw him carrying his mat, and all they could say was, "It's the Sabbath, and you are breaking the law." Well, praise the Lord anyhow! That would have been my response! They were not congratulating or praising God nor asking what happened! **THEY** were determined to put ice water on his joy of being set free and sharing his great testimony.

“Who dares to transgress the Law and carry anything down the street so that everyone can see and inquire why you disobeyed the law?” People who do not know God are blinded by their pride and cannot see the apparent miracles occurring before their eyes. *The natural man doesn't receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.* **1 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV.** The Pharisees wanted to know the man's whereabouts who told him to disobey the law. They were ignoring the obvious: the man of 38 years of debilitating illness standing before them, healed!

Whenever God miraculously blesses you, the enemy will conspire to steal your joy and crush your victory. There will always be those who confess to knowing God's ways and nullifying God's work and will in the lives of others.

Every victory the Lord gives you demands an acknowledgment from you to Him, whether others acknowledge God or not!

Jesus met the man that He had healed in the temple the following day and told him, “You are healed and don’t sin anymore, so a worse thing doesn’t happen to you.” The man told the Jews that Jesus healed him, and afterward, the persecution of Jesus began.

Our understanding of God is not based upon a list of religious dogmas but on a loving relationship. **John 3:16-18 ESV 16** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

Applications:

The Law doesn’t prohibit healing or deliverance on the Sabbath.

27 Then He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”
Mark 2:27 (NIV)

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath and has authority over it.