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# Shepherd's Path

## A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

### Meet the God/Man, Jesus Series, Lesson 34

**Lesson Title:** Jesus – Our Healer

**Take Home Point:** Jesus is our body and soul repairman.

#### **Warm-Up:**

A few months ago, I had surgery on my finger to repair a torn ligament. Both the surgery and recuperation went well, and as I regained motion and use of my finger, I was struck by what was occurring. The doctor did an excellent job of pinning the ligament to the bone for them to grow back together as they should, but after that he was watching and waiting just like me. With all due respect to his considerable skill, he was not healing me. It was God's work through the natural processes he created in my body. I realized something else, too. I went to that doctor because he believed he could help me. Without that confidence in his ability I would not have gone to him.

**Read:** Mark 2:1-12

#### **Observation (What happened?):**

What two actions did Jesus perform for the paralyzed man?

What was the response of the religious leaders who were there?

#### **Interpretation (What does it mean?):**

To whose faith did Jesus respond when he told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven?

What does Mark 2:10 say was the reason Jesus healed the man physically?

#### **Insight:**

Don't you find the initial response of Jesus fascinating? What was it about the paralyzed man that caused Jesus to say his sins were forgiven? Throughout the gospels, Jesus had a penchant for addressing the real issue with people, sometimes to the point that it may seem he didn't listen to their words. In John 3, Nicodemus acknowledged that God was with Jesus, to which Jesus replied, "You must be born again." In the next chapter, a Samaritan woman asked for living water and Jesus told her to go get her husband. And in today's account, although no words were spoken, Jesus acted on the real issue. He still does that today. When you get frustrated or angry with someone and you talk to Jesus about the person who hurt you, does he sometimes respond by pointing out your pride or desire to control? He knows our heart and the healing we need even when we don't recognize it, and he wants to make us whole.

#### **Application (What does it mean to me?):**

In what areas of your life has Jesus healed you? Do you think he did it without any belief on your part that he could? Thank him for his healing.

Think of two friends you can bring to Jesus by prayer, deed or word. Whichever of these is fitting for them, do this week.