

Chapter 5 (17 - 26)

God's power was on display when Jesus healed people. People came from far and near to hear him teach, and to ask for healing

One day some people carried a paralyzed man through a crowd to Jesus. The man was on a stretcher

Jesus knew that these people believed he could help them, so he said to the paralyzed man "My friend, your sins are forgiven"

Some religious leaders in the crowd were thinking to themselves that Jesus was wrong to say he could forgive sins.

So Jesus said to the leaders "Which is easier: to say 'Your sins are forgiven', or to say 'Get up and walk'?"

Then to prove that he had authority to forgive sins, he said to the paralyzed man "Get up, pick up your bed and go home".

The man got up, picked up his stretcher and went home.

The crowd praised God for what they had seen.

Jesus, please give me more faith in your power to forgive, your power to heal