



“And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.” – Luke 5:17

The Power of the Lord to Heal

2nd Sunday of Paona



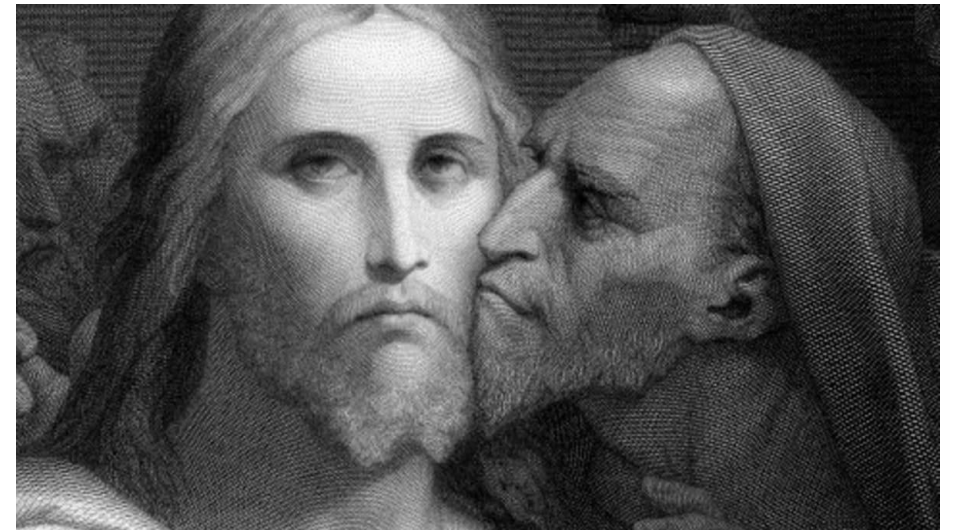
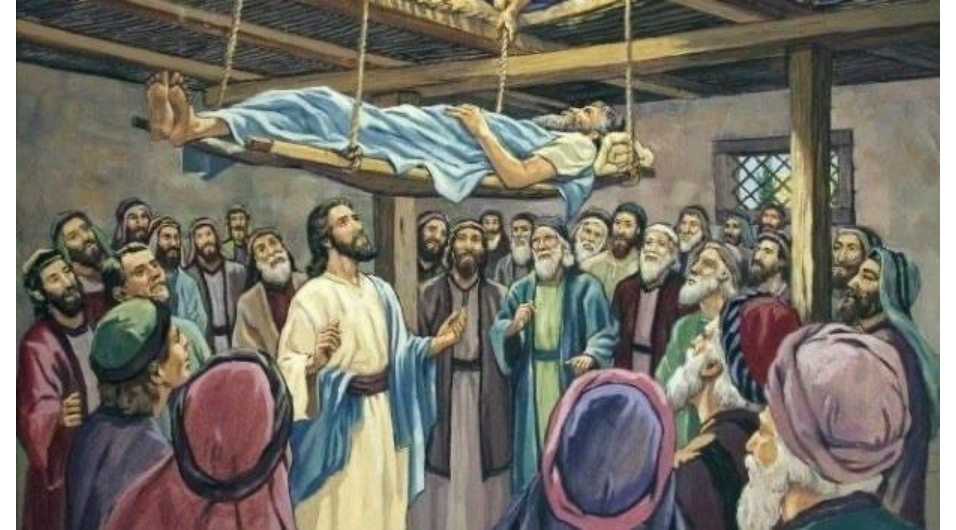


All were Healed

- **The Paralytic** – willing to be healed
 - He allowed himself to be carried.
- **The Scribes and Pharisees** – Resisted Healing
 - And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (v. 21)
- Resisting God's healing power?
 - Pride
 - Comfort with Brokenness
 - Bitterness
 - Neglect of the Sacraments

All were Healed

- The Crowd – amazed but not moved
- Proximity to Christ doesn't guarantee healing
 - EX: Judas
- The Four Friends
 - How did they receive healing while aiding the sick?
 - Mystery and power of healing



The Mystery and Power of Healing



Healing Begins with Faith - Evidenced by Action

- "When He saw their faith, He said to him, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you.'" (Luke 5:20)
- EX: Woman with the Flow of Blood
- "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well." (Luke 8:48)





Healing Comes Through Sharing the Burdens of Others

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." (Romans 1:11-12)

"If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it..." (1 Cor. 12:26)

Healing is Communal and Contagious

- *"Acquire the Spirit of Peace and a thousand souls around you will be saved."* (St. Seraphim of Sarov)
- EX: St. Paul
- *"However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life."* (1 Timothy 1:16)
- EX: St. Moses the Strong
- *"My sins run out behind me, and I do not see them, and today I am coming to judge the errors of another."*

