

The Healing Mysteries



“And he said to them in reply, ‘Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.’”

– Luke 7:22

The Blind Regain Their Sight (*Luke 18:35-43*)

³⁵Now as he approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, ³⁶and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. ³⁷They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸He shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” ³⁹The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, have pity on me!” ⁴⁰Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He replied, “Lord, please let me see.” ⁴²Jesus told him, “Have sight; your faith has saved you.” ⁴³He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

The Lame Walk (*Luke 5:17-26*)

¹⁷One day as Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him for healing. ¹⁸And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set [him] in his presence. ¹⁹But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. ²⁰When he saw their faith, he said, “As for you, your sins are forgiven.” ²¹Then the scribes and Pharisees began to ask themselves, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who but God alone can forgive sins?” ²²Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them in reply, “What are you thinking in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ²⁴But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed,

“I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.” ²⁵He stood up immediately before them, picked up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶Then astonishment seized them all and they glorified God, and, struck with awe, they said, “We have seen incredible things today.”

Lepers are Cleansed (*Luke 5:12-16*)

¹²Now there was a man full of leprosy in one of the towns where he was; and when he saw Jesus, he fell prostrate, pleaded with him, and said, “Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.” ¹³Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I do will it. Be made clean.” And the leprosy left him immediately. ¹⁴Then he ordered him not to tell anyone, but “Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” ¹⁵The report about him spread all the more, and great crowds assembled to listen to him and to be cured of their ailments, ¹⁶but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.

The Deaf Hear (*Mark 7:31-37*)

³¹Again he left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. ³²And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; ³⁴then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (that is, “Be opened!”) ³⁵And [immediately] the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they

proclaimed it. ³⁷They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and [the] mute speak.”

The Dead are Raised (*John 11:38-44*)

³⁸So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. ⁴²I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

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