

PICK UP YOUR BED & GO HOME

Matthew 9:1-8

EXT. BARREN LAND - DAY

Long view - Four persons carry a paralytic person and walk with great difficulty.

They feel exhausted and stop walking.

1st person (gasps)
Hoff I am tired. I can't walk anymore.

They keep the stretcher down. A paralytic person is lying in it.

2nd person
How do we take him near Jesus?

{Jesus' Preaching (Matthew 5:33-37, hears in low voice and continues till they reach near Jesus' preaching house)}

{Matthew 5:33-37-Concerning oaths
Again, you have heard that the
ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL
NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL
FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.
But I say to you, make no oath
at all, either by heaven, for
it is the throne of God, or by
the earth, for it is the footstool
of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for
it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.
Nor shall you make an oath by your
head, for you cannot make one hair
white or black. Let your statement
be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no';
anything beyond these is of evil.

3rd person listens carefully. He looks far.

3rd person says with excitement.
Listen, its Jesus' voice. He is near.

4th person (looking at the paralytic)
I am sure that he will be saved
when we reach before Jesus.

Saying this he holds the stretcher.

Others also hold the stretcher. Together they move forward looking far.

EXT/INT. A HOUSE AND SURROUNDINGS - DAY

Long view of a house where huge crowd gathers

People approach the house.

Outside the house four people carrying the paralytic are coming towards the house (long view).

They look at the crowd rushing to enter the house.

Jesus surrounded by a large crowd is speaking.

JESUS (end of concerning oaths)
Anything beyond these is of evil.

A scribe asks Jesus with inquisitiveness.

SCRIBE
Jesus, please tell us how
do we succeed the evil?

Jesus kindly looks at him and says.

JESUS (MATTHEW 5:38-42)
You have heard that it was
said, An eye for an eye and
a tooth for a tooth. But I
say to you, do not resist
an evildoer. But if anyone
strikes you on the right
cheek, turn the other also;

His gospel showers on the people gathered there.

One among the crowd murmurs to another's ear.

A MAN IN THE CROWD
This is really new!

ANOTHER MAN REPLIED
Yes. I never heard anything
like this before.

JESUS continues (MATTHEW 5:38-42)
and if anyone wants to sue
you and take your coat,
give your cloak as well;
and if anyone forces you
to go one mile, go also
the second mile. Give to

everyone who begs from you,
and do not refuse anyone
who wants to borrow from you.

People stay there with love, peace and realization.

A large multitude gathers before the house. Jesus' words
can be heard outside.

The four persons carrying the paralytic are highly
exhausted. They stop and look at the house.

Crowd rushes with enthusiasm.

Four men put down the stretcher and look at each other.

They cannot see Jesus as he is surrounded by large crowd.

Gospels fall on their face.

They look at the lying paralytic man.

He is lying gloomy.

One of them says looking at the crowd. (Gospel fades)

1st person
No room for us. Not even in
front of the door.

The other one eagerly looks at the house.

Jesus' voice (MATTHEW 7:7)
Ask, and it will be given to you,
search and you will find; Knock
and the door will be opened for you.
(Words fade and dialogue of another man replying starts)

3rd person
No, we can try. Surely we will find a way.

Saying this he looks at the roof of the house.

They carry the paralytic & walk through the rush.

Some among the people mocks at them.

The paralytic person lying in the stretcher is moving.

ONE MAN IN THE CROWD
Ha...ha...ha.....are you crazy?

3rd person (looks at him & firmly says)
No, we are confident that he will
be cured.

4th person (with more enthusiasm)
We are approaching Jesus.

A Jew priest scornfully smiles at them.

They take the stretcher again and walk forward.

CAMERA PANS over the roof top. They four are removing the
things/particles from roof and making holes.

A big crack forms and one of them looks down through the
hole.

Jesus is preaching. Crowd eagerly hears gospels.

JESUS (MATTHEW 7:12)
In everything do to others
as you would have them do
to you; for this is the
law and the prophets.

Jesus is seen through the light beam caused by the crack
in the roof. (Light increases in Jesus' face as they are
removing the roof)

Many scribes are sitting and hearing the words of Jesus.

They take the paralytic and dugs him through the hole.

Everybody looks at it interestingly.

The paralytic is coming down on the stretcher lowered by
the four people who carry him.

Everybody keenly look at the scene and murmur.

A MAN IN THE CROWD
What are they doing?

ANOTHER MAN (scornfully)
Crazy!

Jesus, with a smile looks at the paralytic and the
persons who are doing it with passion. When the paralytic
comes down they four jump from the roof to the ground.

They look at Jesus with great expectation and kneel down before him with tearful eyes.

2nd person says like praying.
My Lord, My God.

3rd person (tearful eyes)
We believe you my lord.

Jesus calmly looks at the four persons and then looks at the paralytic person and says.

JESUS (MATTHEW 9:2)
Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.

One among the scribes there whispers in another's ear.

SCRIBE (MARK 2:7)
Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but god alone?

Jesus, perceiving the scribe's thought looks at his eyes.

JESUS says (MARK 2:8-11)
Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Get up, and walk? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (Turning towards the paralytic) Get up, pick up your bed and go home.

Words fall on the paralytic like an electric shock. A divine light passes through his whole body.

He looks at his hands which are becoming stronger and he raises them up.

People look at him with wonder.

The four who brought him are very much happy. They hold each others hands.

Paralytic stretches his hands to get up.

Peter move forward and helps him to rise.

Paralytic lifts his head.

Slowly he lifts up his back.

Persons standing there look at it with wonder.

Paralytic sits calmly and Peter helps him to get up.

Paralytic slowly stands up.

The four persons who brought him cry with wonder and loudly express their devotion.

My Lord, My God.

The paralytic person bends himself and lifts the stretcher up.

Everybody look at him with surprise.

He takes his mat.

Scribes sitting there wake up from their position and stay wonderstruck.

He walks with tears looking back at Jesus.

Jesus with a divine light looks at him.

He stands in a praying posture.

PARALYTIC MAN
My lord, my god

He chants and goes out in front of all.

The four person's eyes fill with tears of happiness.

FOUR MEN
My lord, my god

The person who mocks earlier is wonderstruck.

One of the scribes says with wonder.

SCRIBE (MARK 2:12)
We have never seen anything like this.

Tears of happiness can be seen in the eyes of the four men who brought the paralytic. They say devotionally.

My Lord, my God

Along with them everybody says
My Lord, my God

Jesus' continues his preaching. (CAMERA going upwards)

JESUS (MATTHEW 6:25-33)

(27)Can any of you by worrying add
a single hour to your span of life?
(25)So I tell you, do not worry about
your life, what you will eat or what
you will drink, or about your body,
what you will wear. Is not life more
than food, and the body more than
clothing? (26) Look at the birds of
the air; they neither sow nor reap
nor gather into barns, and yet your
heavenly father feeds them. (32)For
it is the Gentiles who strive for
all these things; and indeed your
heavenly Father knows that you need
all these things. (33)But strive
first for the kingdom of God and
his righteousness, and all these
things will be given to you as well.

While he says this, Camera goes upwards through the crack
of the roof top and again goes upwards in the sky. A dove
is flying up in the sky.