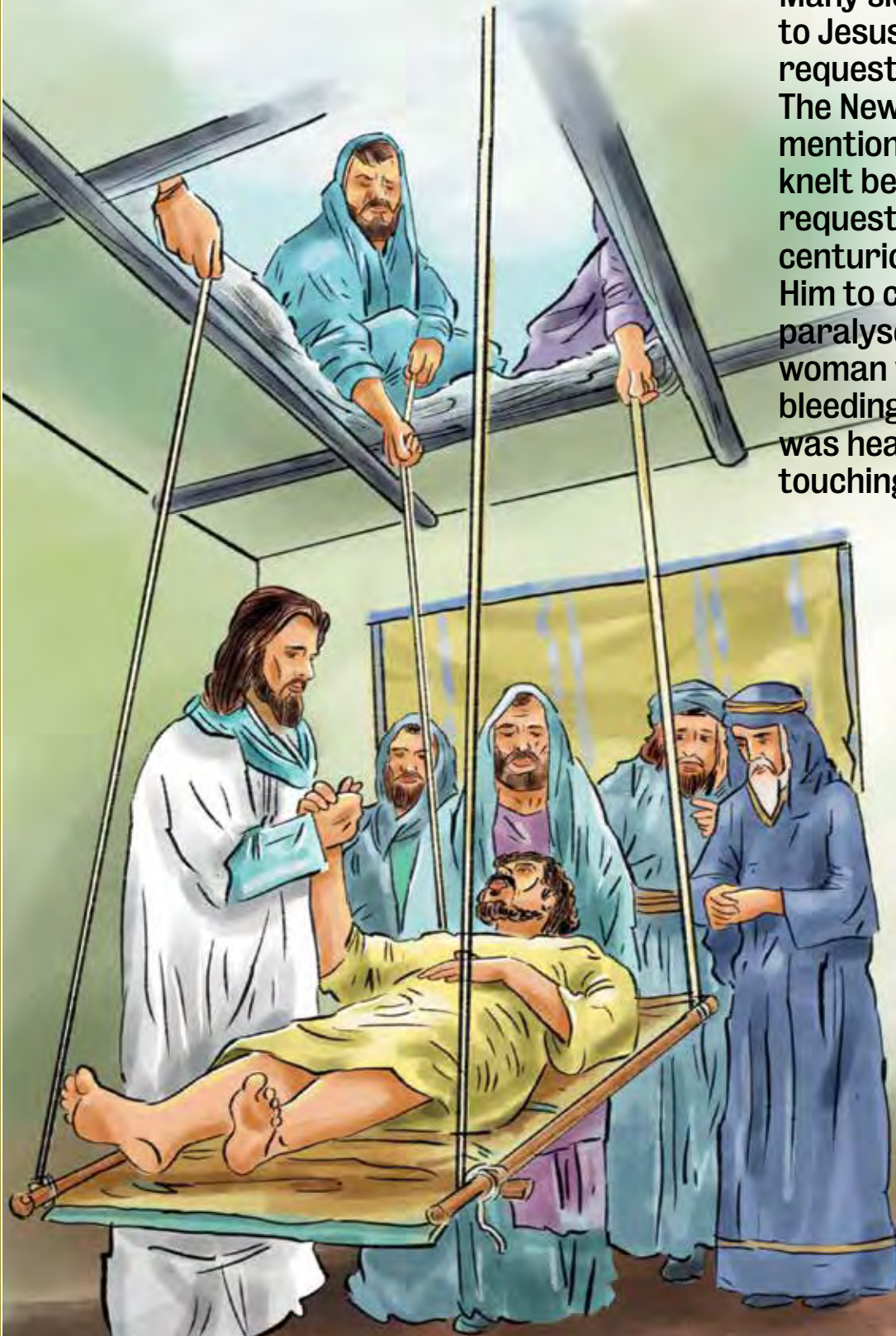


Jesus Healed the Sick



Many sick people went to Jesus in faith and requested to be healed. The New Testament mentions a leper who knelt before Jesus and requested healing, a centurion who asked Him to cure his paralysed servant, a woman who was bleeding for many years was healed by just touching Jesus' gown.



Once Jesus was in Capernaum and many people came to hear Him teach inside a house. There was no room left, not even outside the door. Some men brought a paralysed man hoping Jesus would heal him. Since they could not get to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above and lowered the paralyzed man using ropes tied to his sleeping mat.

Everyone was astonished by this, and some were angry at the interruption it caused. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic man that his sins were forgiven. But the teachers of the law who were sitting there wondered how He could say that, when God alone can forgive sins.

The Son of God at once knew what they were thinking in their hearts, and told the paralysed man to get up, take his mat and go home. It amazed everyone when the man got up and went home praising God.

This miracle was a sign with a special message that like the faith of the men who brought the paralytic, we too can help one another in receiving the saving action of God.



Word of God

Mark 2: 5 – 12

Seeing how much faith they had, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Some teachers of the Law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "how does He dare talk like this? This is blasphemy! God is the only one who can forgive sins!"

At once Jesus knew what they were thinking, so He said to them, "why do you think such things? Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, 'your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'get up, pick up your mat, and walk?' I will prove to you, then, that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, pick up your mat, and go home!" While they all watched, the man got up, picked up his mat, and hurried away. They were all completely amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Insight

There are many liturgical rites – ways of worshiping – in the universal Catholic Church.



Of these, the Church in India has three rites. The Latin rite is followed almost all over the world. The other two, Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara rites trace their legacy to St. Thomas the Apostle and their leaders are based in Kerala. These two Eastern Rites are conducted

mainly in Malayalam. The various Liturgical Rites manifest cultural diversity of the universal Catholic Church.

Notes

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Verses related to healing:
Out of 3,779 verses in the four Gospels, 727 relate specifically to the healing of physical and mental illness and the resurrection of the dead. It should be noted that the attention given to the healing ministry of Jesus is far greater than any one kind of experience recorded. There are 40 instances of healing by Jesus we can come across in the Gospels.

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