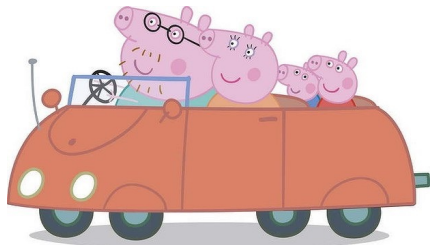


car QS

Sunday, February 25th



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1. What is a paralytic?
2. How many friends did the paralytic have?
3. Why did Jesus heal the paralytic?

Praying Together:

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the wonderful gift of our friends. May our friends always guide us to You, and help us lead others to Your Father through You as we spend this Lent focusing more on spending time with You and being giving to others.

Amen.

Parents' Cheat Sheet - Car Qs

Feb. 25/18, St. Gregory of Palamas/The Paralytic (2nd Sunday of Lent)

1. What is a paralytic?
 1. A paralytic is someone who is paralyzed, i.e. someone who can't move by him/herself.
 2. People who had diseases at the time of Jesus were thought of as outsiders. They were thought of as people who had sinned or whose ancestors had sinned and they were now paying for those sins through the disease.
 3. People didn't want to associate themselves with someone who was diseased for fear that their sin would be transferred to them.
2. How many friends did the paralytic have?
 1. Four
 2. "Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men."¹
 3. Only the Gospel of Mark gives a specific number of friends. In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, a specific number of men isn't given, just that the paralytic was carried by them.
3. Why did Jesus heal the paralytic?
 1. Jesus healed the paralytic because of the faith of his friends.
 1. "When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven you.'"²
 2. As mentioned in a note in the *Orthodox Study Bible*, "As shown by the healing of the **paralytic**, faith is an indispensable condition for salvation. Faith is collective as well as personal, for the faith of the paralytic's friends helped in his healing."³
 1. Just another reason why we go to church on Sunday: **collective faith**.
 2. Jesus also heals the man to give a sign to those gathered around, that He, "the Son of Man" has the right to forgive sins, something only God can do. Because Jesus is God the Son, He has the authority to forgive sins. The physical healing is the easier of the two healings, and allows those gathered to see the spiritual healing that Jesus gives the paralytic.

***We didn't talk about St. Gregory of Palamas, but for more info check out
<http://antiochian.org/stgregorypalamassunday>***

¹ Mark 2:3

² Mark 2:5

³ Note of Matthew 9:2-8, *Orthodox Study Bible*, p.1283