

The Miracles of Jesus
Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Presenter

Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #30 – Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

Luke 13:10-17

"Be what you is and not what you ain't; cause if you is what you ain't, you ain't what you is."

"They left us, but they were never really with us. If they had been, they would have stuck it out with us, loyal to the end. In leaving, they showed their true colors, showed they never did belong."

1st John 2:19 (Message Bible)

- **Luke 13:10-13**

Here is one of the few instances where Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. Most of His ministry took place outside of the synagogue and the temple. While teaching, He took notice of a woman in the congregation who had a chronic illness. She was bowed together which meant her sickness caused her to be bent over. This infirmity had plagued her for 18 years. You will note that this woman did not come to Jesus asking to be healed. No one, who may have accompanied her, told Jesus of her illness and asked if He would heal or deliver her. Jesus initiated the healing without being asked.

As He was teaching, He saw a woman with a bent back. She had not been able to stand upright for 18 years. She had come to church simply to be in the presence of Jesus. Jesus called to her and announced that she was loosed from her infirmity. Then, He touched her and she straightened up. She was "loosed" means that her cramped muscles were relaxed. For her to be "made straight" means that the woman's spine was strengthened so she could stand up.

Check-Up for Church Members

1. How many Sunday Morning Worship Services would be canceled if everyone stayed home when you did?
2. How often would Sunday School or Bible Study meet if others attended only when you did?

3. How much Christian instruction would the children in your neighborhood receive if they went to church only when your children or grandchildren did?
4. How many visitors would be in church on Sunday and welcomed to join the church, if they only came when you invited them?
5. How many prayers would be offered for your church and pastor if others would pray only when you prayed?
6. What would the Sunday Morning offering look like, if everybody gave God His tithes like you give?
7. What kind of church would your church be if every member were just like you?

- **Luke 13:14-17**

Jesus touched the woman, the woman began to walk with her head up and shoulders back and began to praise God. The religious leaders were angry. The ruler of the synagogue was committed to the strict interpretation of the law which characterized the Pharisees. His outrage prompted Jesus to call him a hypocrite. Jesus is nearing the end of His tenure and ministry on earth. He is beginning to strongly rebuke the scribes and Pharisees.

- **Matthew 23:13-19 (NIV)**
- **Matthew 23:23-33 (NIV)**

Jesus condemned the Pharisees and religious leaders for appearing saintly and holy outwardly, but inwardly remaining full of corruption and greed. Their rules showed no love and compassion for the health, happiness and holiness of others. The people rejoiced to hear Jesus give a strong rebuke to the religious leaders.

PLEASE LEAVE AN OFFERING FOR OUR YOUTH AND TEENS MINISTRY!

Wednesday, September 19 – Offering

Noon	\$	177.00
Evening		149.36
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Total		326.36