



# More like Falling in Love

Stretcher-  
Bearers

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# First-Century Galilee



*Mediterranean Sea*



Caesarea

SAMARIA

SYRIA

GALILEE

Ptolemais

Chorazin

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Gennesaret

Gergesa

*Sea of Galilee*

Tiberius

Cana

Sepphoris

Nazareth

Nain

Gadara

*River Jordan*

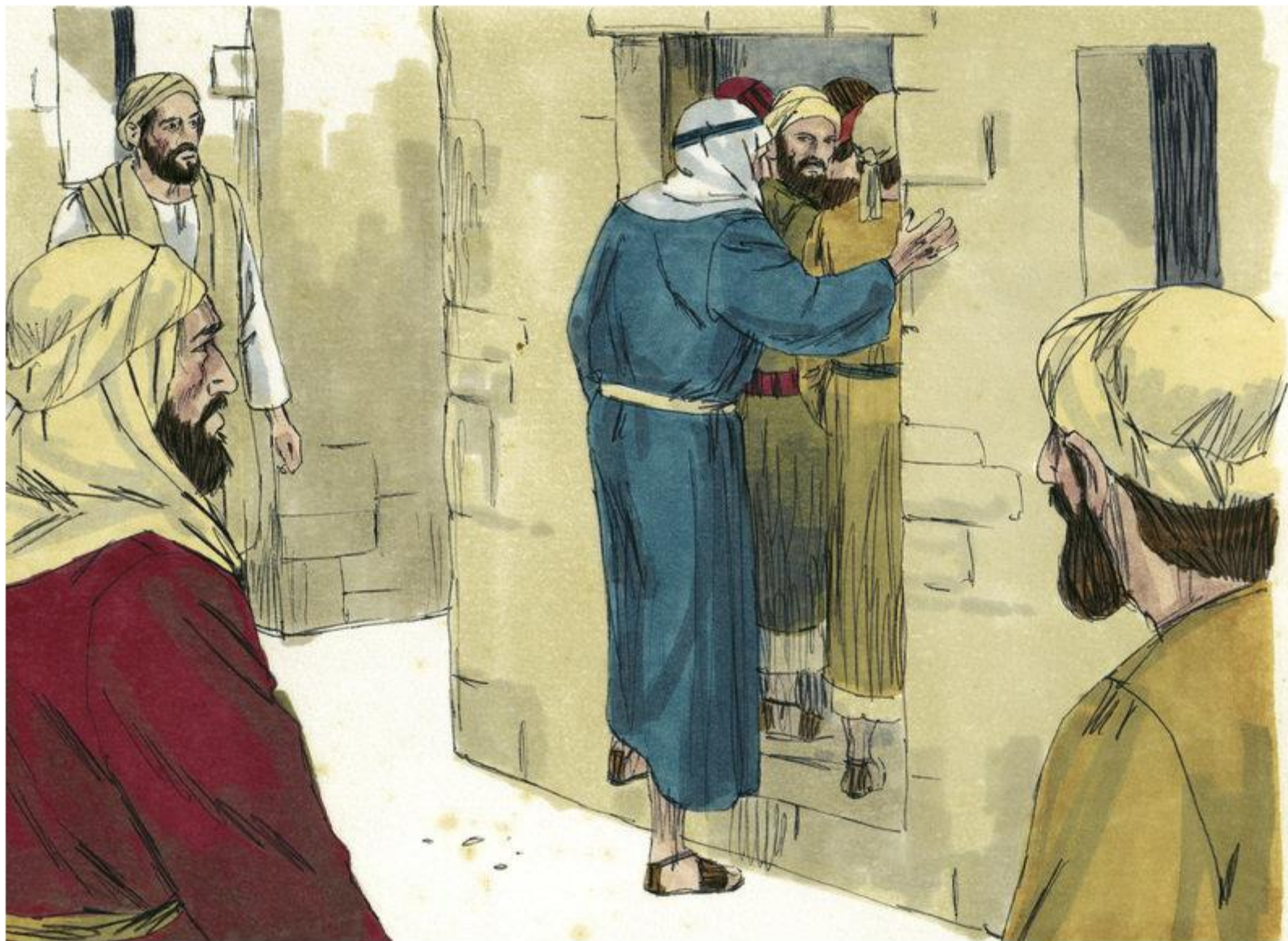
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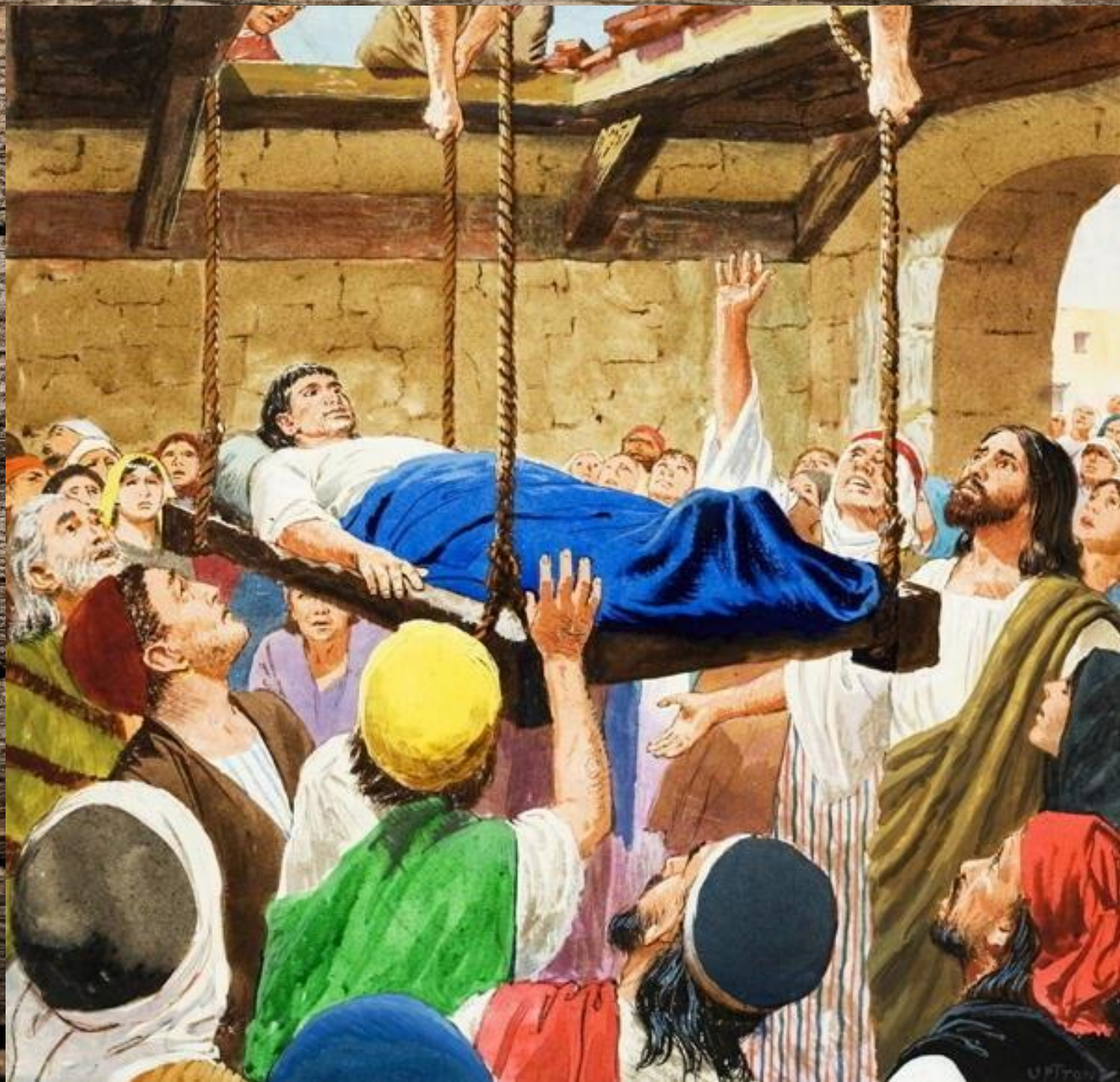
# Matthew 2:1-12

“After a few days, Jesus went back to Capernaum, and people heard that He had come home. So many gathered that there was no longer space, not even near the door. Jesus was speaking the word to them.”













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“Some people arrived, and four of them were bringing to Jesus a man who was paralyzed. They couldn’t carry him through the crowd, so they tore up part of the roof above where Jesus was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying.”







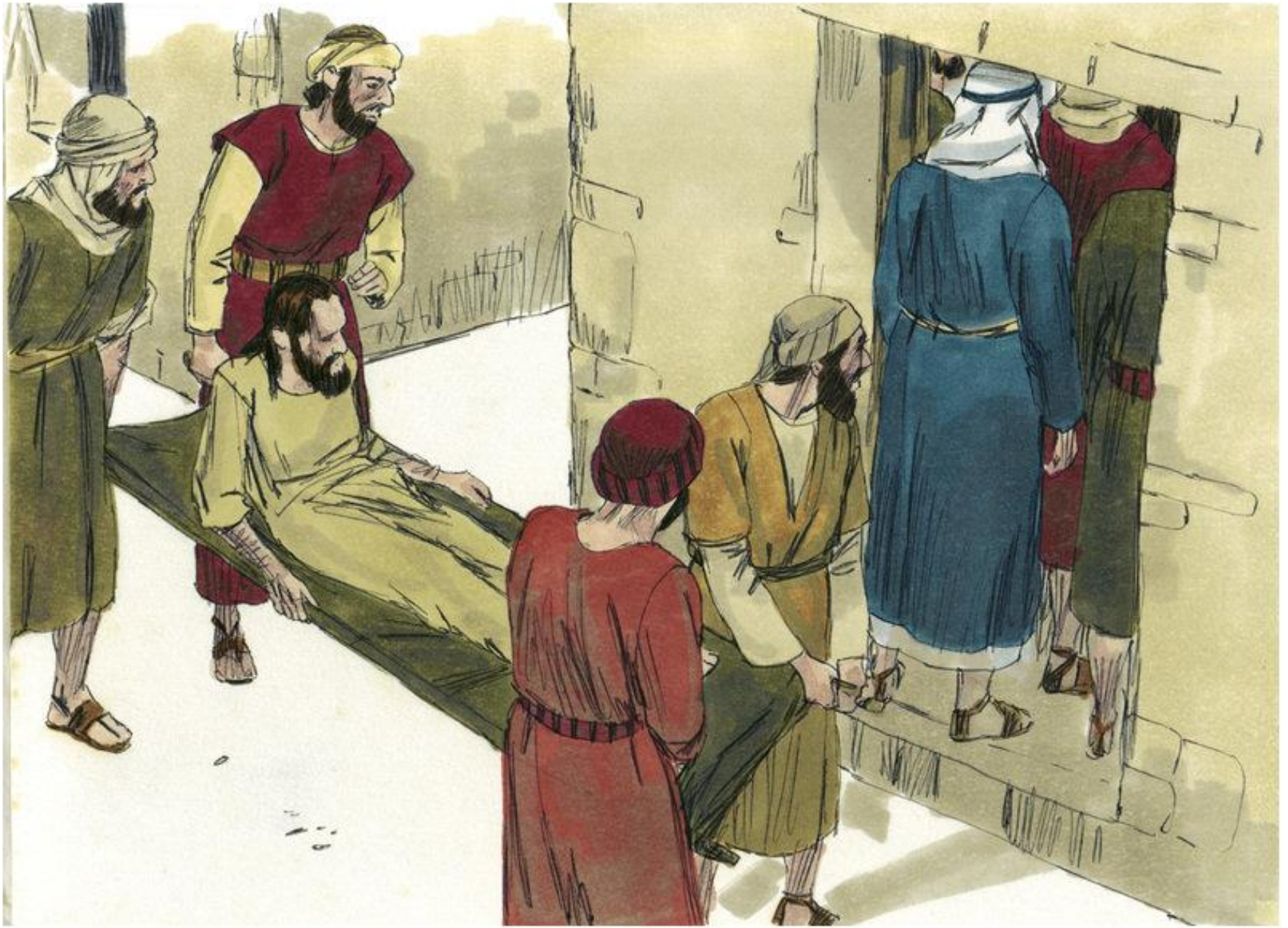


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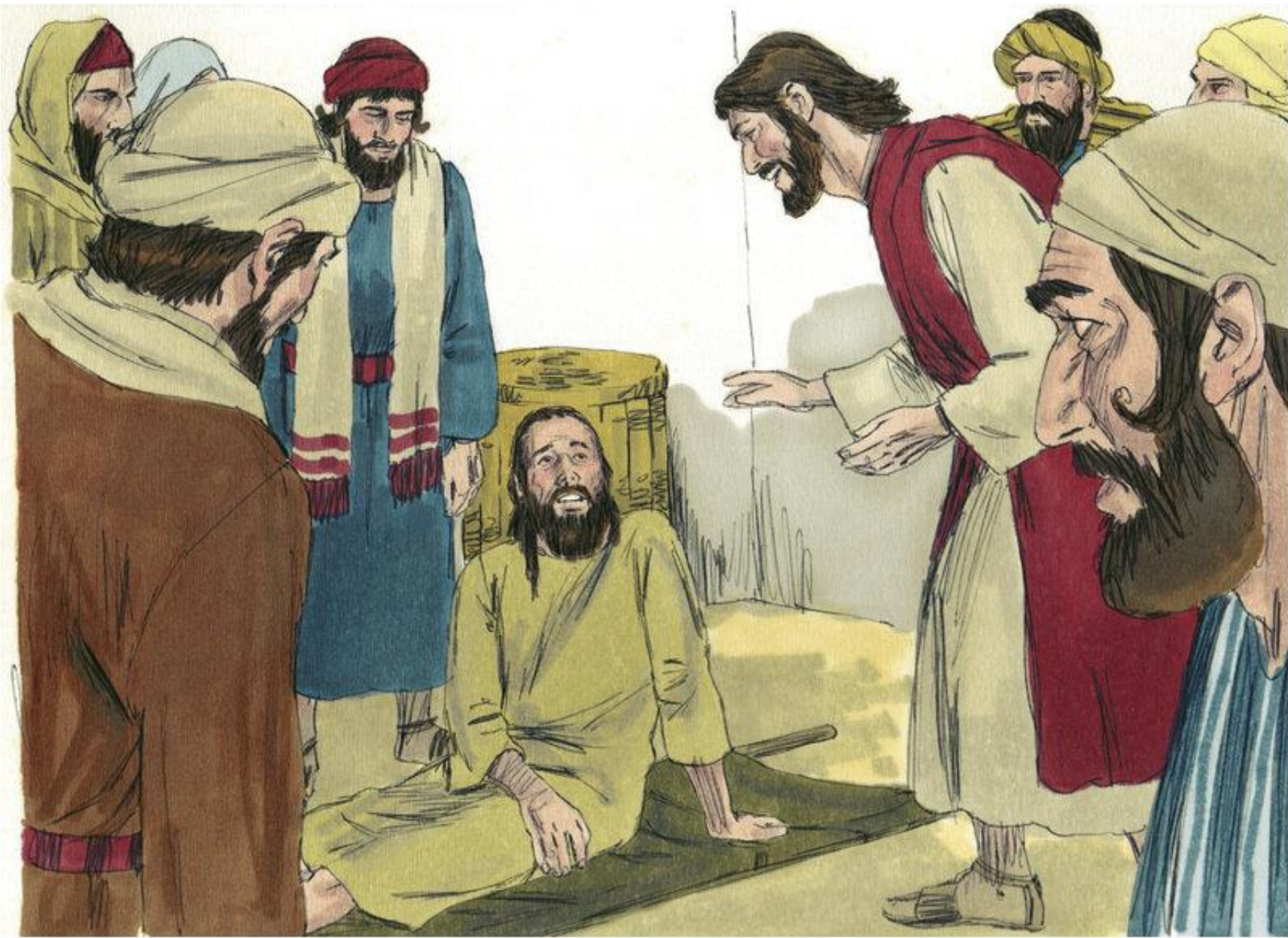
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**forgiven**













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“Some legal experts were sitting there, muttering among themselves, ‘Why does He speak this way? He’s insulting God. Only the one God can forgive sins.’”





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Jesus immediately recognized what they were discussing, and He said to them, “Why do you fill your minds with these questions? Which is easier—to say to a paralyzed person, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take up your bed, and walk’? But so you will know that the Human One has authority on the earth to forgive sins”—He said to the man who was paralyzed, “Get up, take your mat, and go home.”





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Jesus raised him up, and right away he picked up his mat and walked out in front of everybody. They were all amazed and praised God, saying, “We’ve never seen anything like this!”



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4. Jesus calls him (me) His child!
  - “Jesus...said to the paralytic, ‘Child, your sins are forgiven!’” 1:5



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*Falling* in *Love*

A large, solid red heart is pinned to a rustic, weathered wooden plank background. The heart is positioned on the right side of the image, with a small, dark, round fastener visible at its top. The text 'More like Falling in Love' is written in white, with 'Falling' and 'Love' in a cursive script and 'More like' and 'in' in a simple sans-serif font. The text is layered over the heart and the wood.