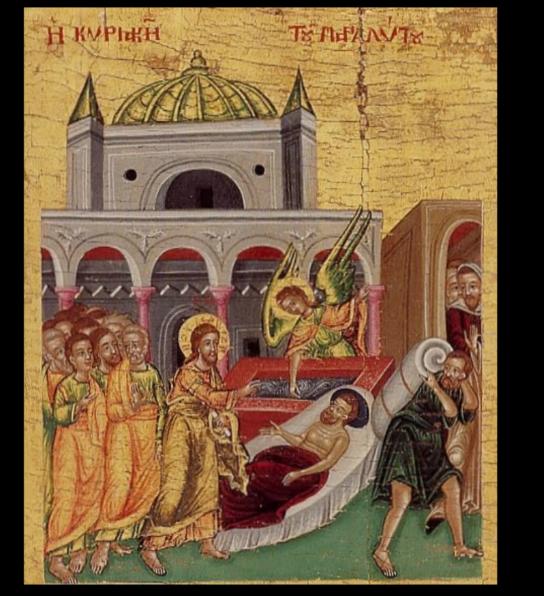
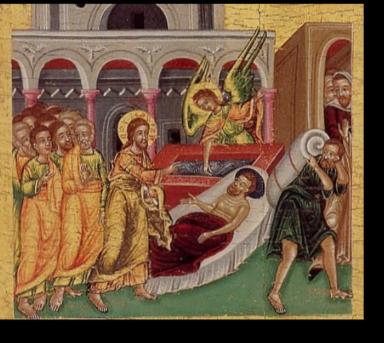


Joy to the World (verse 3)

No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground: He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found. Far as, far as the curse is found.







John 4:47-50 When [a royal official] heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

...The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live."



The healing Jesus *offers* is better than the healing we *want*.

- 1. He doesn't seem to care for his reputation
- He's not eradicating disease, trouble, infirmity and sickness
- 3. His isn't strategic in a worldly way

Therefore: we must either accuse him of wrongdoing, or understand that he is doing something that we do not naturally accept.

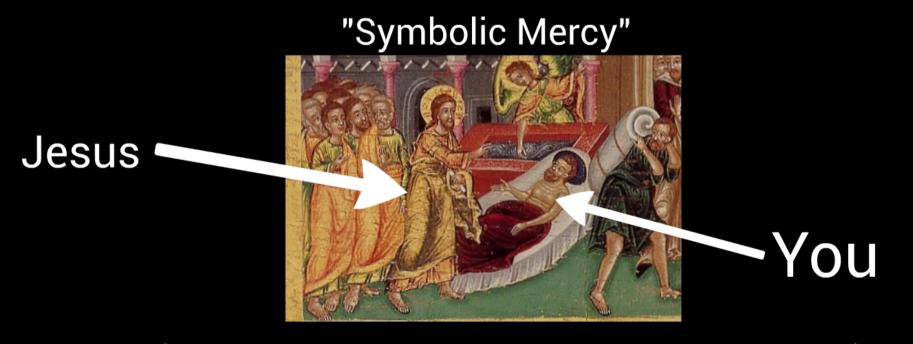
John 4:48

God's claim:

He is offering a first and better healing

What we are supposed to see in these healings?

1. He does for some what his heart is for all.



(all people are in the one in the most important way)

Symbolically chosen- Paralyzed man is not a "special person"-he is us because he is typical humanity.



- 1. "Pathetic" answer
- 2. He blames the man that healed him
- 3. Has not discovered the name of his healer
- 4. Reports Jesus to the authorities
- 5. He has to be rebuked for going right back to sinning (but is in the temple)

2. He heals for holiness, not death

The salvation that is better and first

Would you rather?

A world with no disease or disability, and with climate stability, but the same human heart condition

VS.

A world with disease, disability and natural disorder, but humans with the character of angels

(we already tried a better version of this one. See Genesis 1-11)

Holiness is a nealing.

It is the only one offered to everyone.