

Class Structure

1: Lords Prayer English & Greek

2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation

3: Pick a Saint to talk about and Miracles

4: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English

1: Lords Prayer English & Greek (Pray with class)

2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation

Ask the students who wants to read the Gospel

Luke 13:10-17 *(New King James Version)*

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

10 At that time, **Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.**

This was the day when the Jews would take a day and dedicate it to God to read the scriptures, pray and not work.

11 And there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.**

This part of the Gospel points out indirectly that she was sick for so long no one could fix the woman even though she could not straighten herself. She loved God so much, and her faith in God was strong. She continues to go to the synagogue on the sabbath to pray and hear the scriptures.

12 And when **Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity."**

Jesus did not wait as soon as he saw her. He called her, and He did not ask questions. He did not wait another day or minute, although he could have waited. What was another day when it came to 18 years. He healed her instantly just by his words, showing us that he is God and the Word of God.

13 And he **laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.**

He laid his hand on her to make her straight, showing through touch to emphasize his humanity. When the lady praised God, she was indirectly confirming through Jesus's action He was fully God and fully man, as the creed says, Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father, through Whom all things were made.

14 But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant (*angery, feeling of not fair*) because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day."

When the ruler said this, it was something stimulated by the evil one out of jealousy and anger, trying to make Jesus look bad and redirect the attention away from him.

Jesus heals on the sabbath to show that he is the Lord our God, emphasizing that man is important to God, and his love to come to our needs and help us can not wait.ait.

15 Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it?"

Jesus responded by calling the ruler a hypocrite who acted contradictory to his beliefs. Jesus, throughout the bible, calls the rulers hypocrites because their out word appearance appears saintly, but their hearts are the opposite. If the ruler cared for the woman, he would have been happy she was loosed from her sickness, not jealous or in envy, which are evil actions.

16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?"

Here Jesus tells us that Satan has bound this woman, and she is a daughter of Abraham, emphasizing she is a believer in God. Jesus came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. What better way to do this than on the day God's people are assembled trying to understand Him.

17 As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Let us put to shame the evil in this world by doing as the Lady with a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years did, and going to church, showing god we love him and, as Christ did in the story attending to our neighbor in need. By doing this, we can begin to fulfill Jesus's commandment in **Mark 12:30-31** ³⁰ "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Ask questions about Gospel then explain it to the students