

¹ Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. ² As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the

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Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

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⁴ Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

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⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

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This miracle turns us towards **God**.



¹³ For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release

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/ him. 14 You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! 16 "Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes."

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Our faith is not in some supernatural display, our faith is in Jesus.



This miracle turns our focus towards restoration.





Miracles in the New Testament are never just displays of raw **power**. Instead these miracles are always done to **alleviate** human **suffering**.



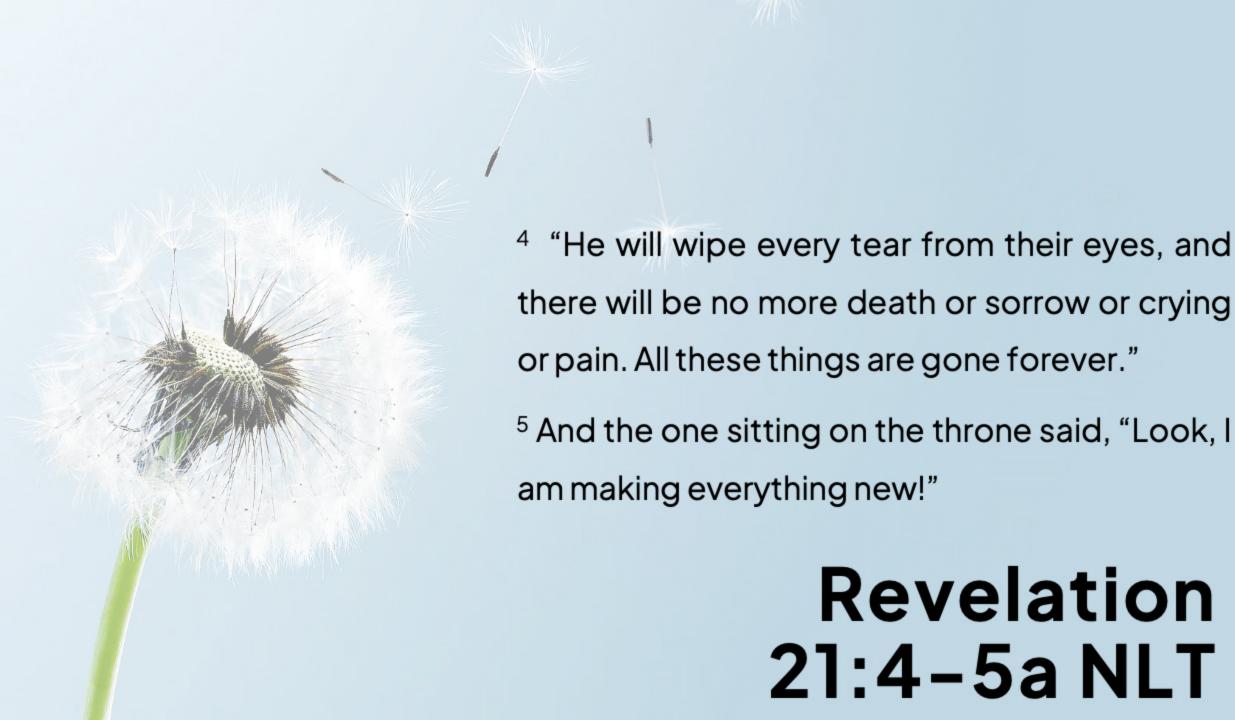
This shows us that God is no **happier** with the **world** than we are.



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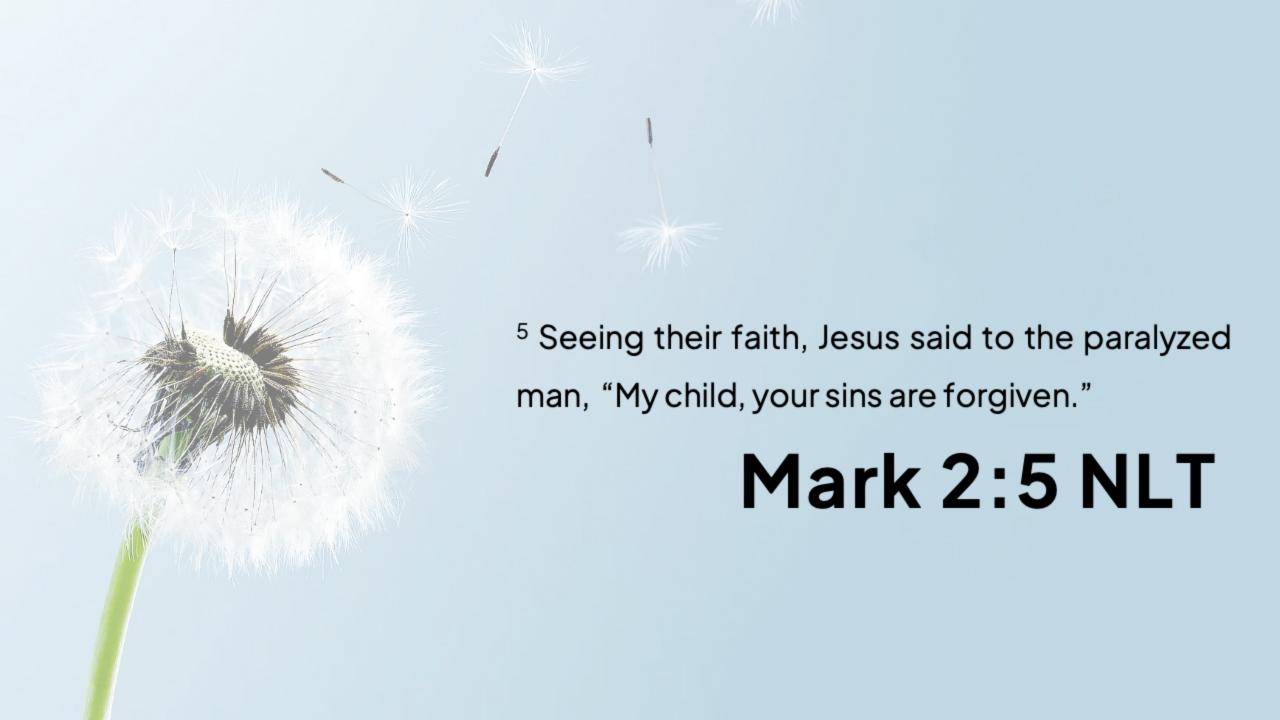




This miracle turns our focus towards our own **soul**.









God, in His infinite wisdom, doesn't give us what we want, He gives us what we need—a changed heart.



This miracle reminds us of the exchange rate.



¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. ² These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. ³ They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning.

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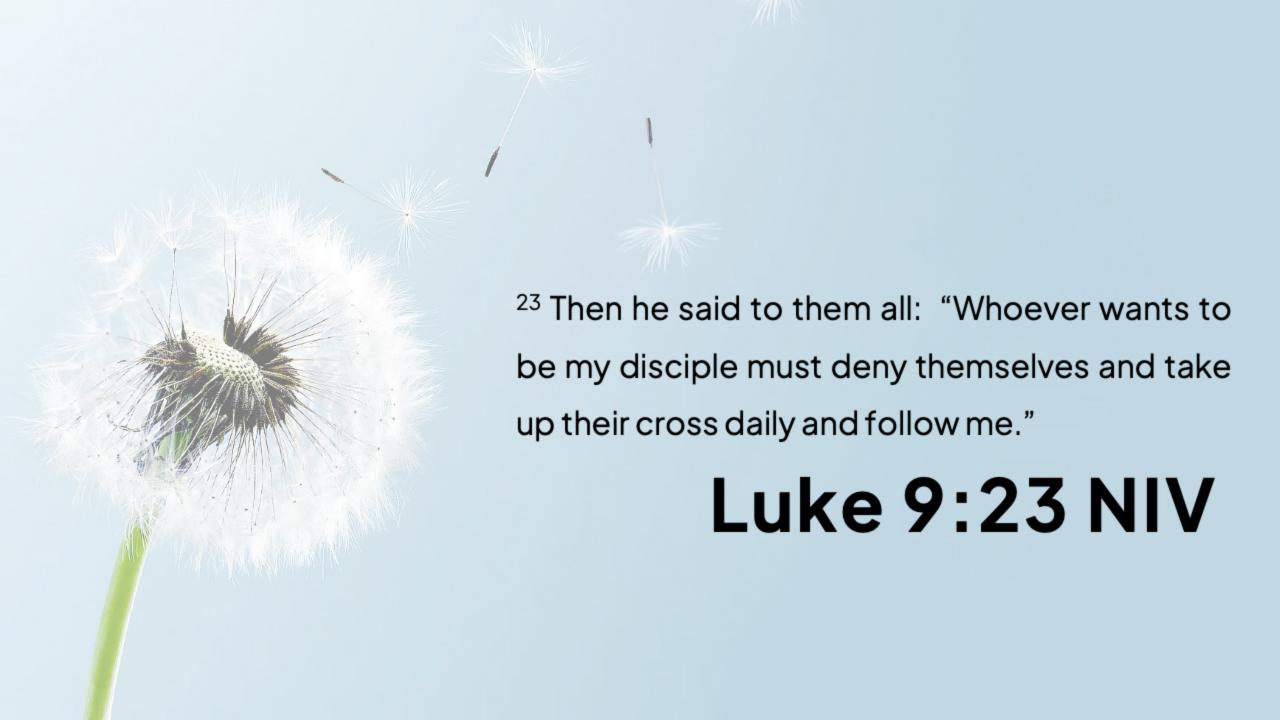


For God to use them to alleviate this man's **suffering**, Peter and John had to be willing to **suffer**.





For Jesus to call Lazarus out of the **grave**, He had to be willing to put **Himself** in it.





For us to bring <u>life</u> to the world, the church is going to have to be willing to <u>die</u>.