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We have read about an occasion where a crowd has gathered. There are two groups of people, the man who came and the men who were already there, with one man in the middle – the Lord Jesus Christ.

The man who came was paralysed: He could not walk; he would be rejected by society.

We are all paralysed by sin at birth. “[By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin](#)”(Rom 5:12).

We are all sinners. It is within us and we cannot avoid it. Sin separates us from God. If we have not had our sin dealt with then we are heading for a lost eternity in hell. We need to have sin forgiven if we want to see heaven. There is only two destinations.

Like a snake, sin gets hold of us. We need to turn to our Creator to help us. As far as sin is concerned there is no help on this earth. The only thing man can do is point to the cross. The man who died there died for sin.

We need to act now. We don't know what another day will bring.

Are you ready for eternity?

The best friend of all to have is Jesus, “[He sticketh closer than a brother](#)”. The friends brought the man to Jesus but when they got there he couldn't get in because of the crowds. They lowered him to the feet of the Lord Jesus. The best place to be is at the feet of the Lord Jesus.

Crowds can gather around us when we are thinking of salvation. The busyness of life can come in and it can be put off again. There is nothing more important in life than to come to the Lord Jesus: almost is not good enough.

Jesus did not heal his physical illness first. He healed his sins first. He went right to the root of the matter. We want everyone to enter into the joy and security of salvation. When you come to Him He will save, there are no ifs and buts.

The men that were there had come from every town – all Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem.

The men were Pharisees. They behaved as though their own religion was just as important as God's way of life. They believed salvation came through following their laws.

They came because they were curious about the Lord Jesus. They wanted to listen yet not believe in Him. This is the attitude of many today. Are you curious about the Lord Jesus? Do you want to know the peace, love and cure he gives? Do you want to know more about Him? If we want to more about the Lord Jesus can turn to the inspired of God, the Bible.

You might wonder if it really is as easy as just trusting the Lord Jesus to determine eternal destiny. The answer is “Yes it is”.

Can it all be true? Is it as simple? To be saved simply need to say sorry and ask Jesus into our lives.

Now that you have heard you have a duty to respond. Where do you stand tonight? Is sin still in control of your life?

Accept Him as Saviour or put it off and reject Him.