

# John 5:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

## Analysis

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'And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked.' Healing is instantaneous and complete. After 38 years of paralysis, he immediately walks and carries his mat. The command ('take up thy bed') ensures the miracle is visible—carrying the mat demonstrates complete recovery. No recovery period, no physical therapy—divine healing is total. The addition 'and on the same day was the sabbath' sets up the conflict to follow.

## Historical Context

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Sabbath healing became a major controversy between Jesus and religious leaders. Carrying burdens on Sabbath violated Pharisaic interpretation of Jeremiah 17:21. Jesus deliberately healed on Sabbath multiple times (John 9:14, Mark 3:1-6), challenging traditions that prioritized rules over mercy.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the immediate, complete nature of the healing demonstrate divine power?
2. Why does Jesus repeatedly heal on the Sabbath despite knowing it causes conflict?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	εὐθέως	ἐγένετο	ὅλης	ὁ	ἄνθρωπος	καὶ	ἤρεν
And	immediately	was made	whole	G3588	the man	And	took up
G2532	G2112	G1096	G5199		G444	G2532	G142
τὸν	κράββατον	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	περιεπάτει	ἦν	δὲ	σάββατον
G3588	bed	G846	And	walked	was	and	the sabbath
	G2895		G2532	G4043	G2258	G1161	G4521
ἐν	ἐκείνῃ	τῇ	ἡμέρᾳ				
on	the same	G3588	day				
G1722	G1565		G2250				

## Additional Cross-References

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**John 9:14** (Creation): And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

**Mark 5:29** (Parallel theme): And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

**Mark 10:52** (Creation): And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

**Mark 1:42** (Parallel theme): And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

**Mark 1:31** (Parallel theme): And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

