

Scriptural Background Analysis Answer Key

1. What topics does each of the four scriptural passages address?
 - a. **Passage 1:** Jesus heals the paralytic man and forgives his sins.
 - b. **Passage 2:** Jesus restores life to Jairus's daughter and heals a woman afflicted by a hemorrhage.
 - c. **Passage 3:** Jesus forgives a woman caught in the act of adultery and challenges those who condemned her to confront their own sinfulness and forgive as well.
 - d. **Passage 4:** Jesus hears blind Bartimaeus calling, and Jesus heals his blindness.
2. What do the four passages have in common? (Answers may vary.)
 - a. Jesus' forgiveness
 - b. Faith on the part of those asking for forgiveness or healing
 - c. Physical or spiritual healing
 - d. The healings open the eyes of others to Jesus.
3. How are the four passages different? (Answers may vary.)
 - a. Some are physical healings, and others are spiritual healings.
 - b. Some involve healing based on the request of the person in need of healing, and others are based on the request of someone who cares for them.
 - c. In some cases, it wasn't Jesus' actions that brought about healing. Rather, the deep faith of the person wanting to be healed was enough.
4. If you had to create a title to unify these four scriptural passages, what would you choose? Why? (Answers may vary.)
 - a. **Title:** Healing in Scripture or something similar
 - b. **Reason:** Each of the passages is an example from Scripture of physical and spiritual healing. These passages illuminate the scriptural background for the Sacraments of Healing.

