

LUKE 5:17-26

The Power to Heal and Forgive

The Gospel of Luke Sermon Series #7

BEFORE WE BEGIN

Come with me

*down a dusty street,
to Simon Peter's house in Capernaum.*

There's a crowd at the door.

We won't get in either.

BEFORE WE BEGIN

*If Jesus could fix
one thing in your life today,
what would you ask him for?*

— hold the question in your heart —

Bible Reading — Luke 5:17-19 (ESV)

17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. **18** And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, **19** but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.

Bible Reading — Luke 5:20-24 (ESV)

20 And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” **21** And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **22** When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? **23** Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? **24** But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

Bible Reading — Luke 5:25-26 (ESV)

25 And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. **26** And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

Three Things You'll Carry Home

1

Jesus sees what they brought

vv. 17-19

2

Jesus speaks what they didn't ask

vv. 20-24

3

Jesus lifts what they couldn't lift

vv. 25-26

POINT ONE • vv. 17-19

Jesus sees what they brought.

Before he speaks a word — he sees.

Luke 5:17 (ESV)

17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. **And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.**

Luke 5:18-19 (ESV)

18 And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, **19** but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.

Luke 5:20a (ESV)

20 And when he saw **their faith...**

WHAT IS FAITH?

*Doing whatever it takes
to get to Jesus.*

AND YOU?

Who carried you to Jesus?

Don't forget them.

AND YOU?

*Who are you carrying to
Jesus?*

Don't give up on them.

— BEFORE JESUS SPEAKS —

***What do you think Jesus
should do now
for the paralysed man?***

— v. 20 —

“Man, your sins are forgiven.”

POINT 2 — JESUS SPEAKS WHAT THEY DIDN'T ASK

POINT TWO • vv. 20-24

Jesus speaks what they didn't ask.

He answered an ask they didn't make.

SIN AND FORGIVENESS

WHAT IS SIN?

***The thing
that broke your relationship with God***

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

***Your relationship with God — restored
You are welcomed home***

Luke 5:21 (ESV)

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “**Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?**”

Luke 5:22-24 (ESV)

22 When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? **23** Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?”

Which Is Easier?

EASIER TO SAY

“Your sins are forgiven.”

No one can verify it.

Invisible.

The deeper miracle.

HARDER TO DO

“Rise and walk.”

Everyone can verify it instantly.

Visible.

The provable one.

Luke 5:24 (ESV)

24 But that you may know that **the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

Son of Man — on Earth

First use of the title in Luke

DANIEL 7:13-14

**“One like a son of man on
the clouds of heaven...”**

Given dominion.

A kingdom that shall not pass.

God's promised King.

LUKE 5:24

**“The Son of Man has
authority on earth...”**

On the dust of Capernaum.

On the dust where you sit.

to forgive sins.

POINT THREE • vv. 25-26

Jesus lifts what they couldn't lift.

What he said with his mouth — he proves with the man's body.

Luke 5:25 (ESV)

25 And **immediately he rose up** before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, **glorifying God.**

Luke 5:26 (ESV)

26 And amazement seized them all, and **they glorified God** and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

Glorifying God

δοξάζων · present participle — continuous worship, every step home

LUKE 1:46

Mary

“My soul magnifies the Lord.”

LUKE 2:20

Shepherds

“glorifying and praising God.”

LUKE 17:15

Healed leper

“praising God with a loud voice.”

LUKE 18:43

Blind beggar

“followed him, glorifying God.”

LUKE 5:25

Paralytic

“went home, glorifying God.”

Why do we give give glory to God?

AT CAPERNAUM

When Jesus said "your sins are forgiven" in Capernaum, those words cost him something.

AT CALVARY

Three years later —
on a Friday afternoon —
he paid it in his own blood.

Condemned as a blasphemer —
for the same claim that healed the paralytic.

HE IS WORTHY

*“Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain.”*

— Revelation 5:12

ONE LAST QUESTION

*What is Jesus asking
you to leave here
this morning?*

— hold the question —

WHAT YOU'RE LEAVING BEHIND

Your sin — forgiven

Your paralysis — lifted

*Paralysis isn't always in the body —
bitterness · unforgiveness · shame · the thing you can't say out loud.*

Walk out free

Like the paralytic — picking up his bed, going home, glorifying God.

And the Table is set

AT THE TABLE

*“Worthy are you...
for you were slain,
**and by your blood
you ransomed people for God.”***

— Revelation 5:9

The Lamb who was slain. The blood that was poured. The Table he set.