

## **Fairfield Baptist Church**

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### **Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic**

**Luke 5:17-26**

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#### **Introduction**

Great to rejoice together

Continue in Luke's gospel.

Ross last week – Jesus healed the man with Leprosy.

#### **The Setting**

Today's event is sometimes called 'The Greatest Miracle of All'

'Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic' Man.

Recorded the first three gospels – Matt Mark Luke

Called the synoptic Gospels = Latin 'to see together'

Matt 9:1-8                      Jews                      more O.T. quotes

Mark 1:1-12                      Romans                      Gospel of action – immediately 49x

Luke 5:17-26                      Gentiles – Greek                      Son of Man

In Capernaum - the north shore of the Sea of Galilee

### **III = Maps**

Three things

Mediterranean Sea

Dead Sea

Judea

Jordan River

Galilee

Sea of Galilee

An ordinary home - a house overfull of visitors

Flat roof

Not a place of teaching and learning – private home

During the week – not a sabbath day

### **Mark 2:1-3**

Capernaum – Home – most likely Peter's house.

Jesus has had to deal with, has been challenged with,

Sickness – illness

Satan – demons

Nature - net full of fish

Now with religious leaders over forgiveness.

We now have five encounters with the religious leaders of the day.

Luke 5:17 – 6:11

We have a threefold basic pattern as Jesus deals with these men.

Jesus performs an action that is seen as controversial.

The Religious leaders protest Jesus actions.

Jesus makes a clear statement that silences His critics.

Here today

V17-20                      Jesus performs an action.

V21                          Jesus action protested.

V22-26                      Jesus silences His critics.

Summary of this event

"All of manhood suffer from the paralysis of sin, but only Jesus 'Son of man' can forgive sins,"

**Bible Reading** Luke 5:17-26 - NIV

Luke 5:17-26

New International Version

**Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man**

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.

<sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said,

**"Friend, your sins are forgiven."**

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, **"Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? <sup>24</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."** So he said to the paralyzed man, **"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."**

<sup>25</sup> Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

<sup>26</sup> Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said,

"We have seen remarkable things today."

Mark 2:1-4  
New International Version

### **Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man**

**2** A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.

**2** They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

**3** Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. **4** Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

### **The People**

#### **Jesus**

30 years old – Luke 3:23 at His baptism

near the start of His ministry

“the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick” v17

Teaching God’s Word

#### **Pharisees and Teachers of the Law**

Pharisees - Lit = to separate. – from sinners - from corruption.

Scribes – used to copy and memorise the law. – layers - experts

Josephus says over 200 villages in Galilee.

Jerusalem some 200 miles away

Sitting and listening

Analysing Jesus – trying to work Jesus out

Most likely had a critical attitude – they were trying to trick Him

#### **Paralyzed man**

Lying on a mat – his bed

Unable to walk – get around.                      Short or long term?

But a man who had faith in Jesus

### **Stretcher bearers x 4**

Brought the paralyzed man to Jesus

In doing so showed their faith

### **The People**

Those that were being taught by Jesus

Were amazed

They gave praise to God.

### **Jesus Action.**

**v17-20**

Jesus teaching the word to the people.

This was the basis of His ministry. – he came to teach and to preach.

Luke 4:42-44 –

Interesting to note – 4:42 – a solitary place – 5:16 – lonely places

Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there.

They had come to discredit Jesus and what He was doing.

Sometimes called a controversial Action.

So why is Jesus doing these things.

The miracles validate the message of Christ.

The miracles of Jesus were parables.

They were not just healings of disease.

They were given to teach a spiritual lesson.

Sickness – illness

Satan – demons

Nature - net full of fish

Now with religious leaders thinking about forgiveness.

Jesus has power to heal the sick.

Jesus has the power to forgive sins.

They thought Jesus was right out of line.

## **V18-19**

Paralyzed man brought before Jesus.

Mark 2:2 = 4 men carrying - friends - relatives?

Jesus recognises the faith of the men involved.

Paralyzed man sins are forgiven.

Paralysed = without strength

The paralysed man is a picture of sin.

Sin leaves us without strength.

Jesus says - "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Forgiveness is mans greatest need.

Look at Luke 1:77 - Zechariah's Song - Prophecy.

'to give His people the knowledge of salvation

through the forgiveness of their sins.'

Sin may result in sickness, but not all sickness is the result of sin.

John 9:1-3

## **Jesus Action Protested.**

## **V21**

Pharisees and Teachers of the Law

Began thinking to themselves.

Began thinking.

Two questions in their thinking

Who is this fellow /man -

Man not God, - they did not realise who Jesus was.

- who speaks blasphemy?

= negative speech - injurious to God

Taking to himself what only God could do.

Who can forgive sins but God alone?

They were right in thinking with this question.

Only God could forgive.

Where they were wrong was that Jesus is God not just man.

Jesus here is showing them that He is God – He is deity.

Where are you at today?

Have you had your sins forgiven?

Have you come to Jesus?

Paralytic Man and friends	to Jesus	Faith
Pharisees and Teachers of the Law	from Jesus	no faith

### **Jesus Silences Critics.**

### **V22-26**

Jesus knew what they were thinking.

Omniscience of God – God knows everything.

Heb 4:13

Psalms 139:1-6

### **V22**

Jesus knew what they were thinking.

Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy?

Who can forgive sins but God alone?

They were right according to their training and thinking.

But they did not see that this man was God in the flesh.

This man is the Messiah the one they were waiting for.

Listen to Jesus logic here. He says to them,

### **V23**

‘Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?’

‘Which is easier: to say ‘your sins are forgiven’

or to say ‘Get up and walk?’

Jesus carries right on and makes this amazing statement:

### **V24**

‘But that you may know that the **Son of Man** has authority on earth to forgive sins...’

Jesus turns to the paralytic man and says

‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’

That name that Jesus just used = **"Son of Man"** had enormous significance for the Pharisees and teachers of the law.

This was a 'messianic designation'.

'messianic title'

Used 26x in Luke

Used 58x in the other gospels

From Dan7:13-14

When Jesus used this term it was like Him saying to these men that He was the Messiah and could therefore forgive sins on earth.

This is proof of His deity.

Jesus heals the paralysed man and sends him home.

## **V25**

"Immediately he stood up, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God."

Paralysed man went home

praising God = Only in Luke

## **v26**

'Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God.'

Blow their minds

Out of their minds

'They were filled with awe and said –

We have seen remarkable things today.'

Lit = beyond expectations

## **What do we learn about Jesus**

### **Jesus is a great teacher**

Even at this early stage He was teaching the people about God's ways.

This not a sabbath day – not in the synagogue.

This is a week day in a private home.



The people have gathered to hear Jesus teaching.

The people wanted to hear what Jesus had to say.

### **Jesus recognizes faith**

Jesus saw the faith of the men who brought the paralytic to Him.

We can include the paralytic man himself in this 'their faith'

"Jesus saw their faith."

### **Jesus forgives sin**

Jesus did what no one was expecting.

The people – the learned men – no one ready for this.

'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'

### **Jesus knows what we are thinking.**

Pharisees and teachers of the law began thinking.

But Jesus knew what they were thinking.

### **Jesus heals the sick.**

Luke tells us that Jesus has the power to heal the sick.

Jesus heals the paralytic man.

The man 'immediately stood up in front of them.

Took what he had been lying on and went home.

### **Jesus is the Messiah**

His use of the name – 'Son of Man.'

Jesus is God.

So many people even today will not accept that Jesus is God.

### **What can we do? What can we learn?**

#### **Listen to Jesus**

Reading the Bible – particularly the words of Jesus.

Be regular here at Church.

Do listen to preachers on line – but be careful who you listen to.

Sing at home not just at Church.

Be careful what you listen to.

## **Take our friends to Jesus**

We do not have the physical Jesus to take a friend to today.

In our prayers we can take one another to Jesus.

Ill = this church took me to Jesus three years ago.

There are people not hear today because they are not well enough.

But we can take them to Jesus in our prayers.

There are people not here today because their hearts have gone cold. Their faith in God is not where it should be.

But we take them to God in our prayers.

Would you do that? Will you be a stretcher bearer, (a stretcher prayerer)

Ill = Prayer meetings

Sunday Morning	9am
Monday Evening	7pm
Monday Evening	7pm Zoom
Tuesday Morning	9-15am

## **Have faith in Jesus**

Have you coming to the stage of putting your faith In Jesus.

Respond well to Jesus in everything

Talk about Jesus with others

## **Be filled with Praise to God**

Is this a natural response of your heart/your faith

Does Jesus and all He does and says make you want to praise to God.

Rejoice In Him every day.

'We have seem remarkable things today'

Let us talk praise this morning at morning tea time.

## **How Do I Respond To Jesus?**

What do we learn today from this event?

What are our lessons?

## **Jesus is God**

We need to remember this as we look at any of the events in our continued studies here in Luke's Gospel

We need to remember this every day.

This is very important and basic to our faith.

Jesus is fully God. - Jesus is truly man.

## **Jesus Must Be Followed.**

We do not have an option.

Jesus actions/teaching caused the people to praise God.

The Paralytic went home praising God.

Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God

They were filled with awe

'We have seen remarkable things today'

## **Blasphemy**

Speak impiously – profane,

Pious = devout, religious, for the glory of God

Use God's name in vain. – as a swear word.

To speak lightly of God

**III = wheel change on the car.**

## **Forgiveness**

Only God can forgive sins.

Have you come to Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins?

Forgiveness for salvation.

Forgiveness in daily living.

Wrong attitudes

thinking

actions

### **Three Ways to go Home – Spiritually**

We can go home like the paralytic man.

Forgiven and set free from sin.

We can go home like the onlookers.

Amazed at the remarkable things

Give God the glory – but not necessarily changed.

We can go home like the religious men.

Hard hearted and unchanged.

Stiff necked and apart from God