

## JESUS' DIVINE AUTHORITY AS SEEN IN FORGIVING SIN

(Luke 5:12-26)

### I. JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST THREE DISCIPLES (Luke 5:1-11)

### II. JESUS HEALS THE SICK AND FORGIVES SIN (5:12-26)

#### A. The AUTHORITY of the Messiah on display as He CLEANSSES the leper (5:12-16)

1. A "man who was \_\_\_\_\_ of leprosy" was so desperate that he did not keep a safe distance from Jesus, but came \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. (v. 12a)
  
2. The leprous man identified Jesus as "\_\_\_\_\_" and he truly recognized that He had the \_\_\_\_\_ to heal him, if only He were willing. (v. 12b)
  
3. In several ways leprosy is a lot like sin...
  - a. Leprosy was a defiling skin disease that could \_\_\_\_\_ be remedied by mere surface measures because it went much, much \_\_\_\_\_. (Lev. 13:3; Rom. 1:21-27)
  
  - b. Leprosy would spread and \_\_\_\_\_ with its defilement if not contained. (Lev. 13:44-45; Rom. 1:28-32; 5:12)
  
  - c. Lepers were looked on as \_\_\_\_\_ people. (Num. 12:12; Eph. 2:1-5)
  
4. Jesus did what no one had probably done in a very long time, He showed \_\_\_\_\_ and "*He put out His hand and \_\_\_\_\_ him.*" (v. 13)  
  
\* How do we reconcile the fact that a person was ceremonially unclean if he/she touched a leper according to Leviticus 13?

\* According to v. 16, what did Jesus consider to be of the utmost importance?

**B. The AUTHORITY of the Messiah on display as He FORGIVES sin (5:17-26)**

1. This is Luke's first record of Jesus' interaction with the \_\_\_\_\_ leaders who would become our Lord's primary opposition; they came out to hear Him \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 17)
  
2. The paralytic man was unable to come to Jesus himself, but he was fortunate enough to have four faithful \_\_\_\_\_ who diligently took him through the \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 18-19, cf. Mark 2:1-4)  
  
\* Are you faithful in seeing the need to bring loved ones to the Savior?
  
3. Throughout the Gospels Jesus repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ as He did here when He made the profound statement, "*Man, your sins are forgiven you.*" (v. 20)
  
4. Part of the Pharisees' reasoning was correct, "*Who can \_\_\_\_\_ sins but \_\_\_\_\_ alone?*" Unfortunately they did not draw the \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion from Jesus' miracle. (vv. 21-22)
  
5. It's much easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven" because who would really \_\_\_\_\_ whether it happened or not? But then Jesus demonstrated that He had the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to do both. (vv. 23-24)
  
6. The paralyzed man responded " \_\_\_\_\_ " by \_\_\_\_\_, and things were miraculously reversed, the stretcher had carried the man, but now the man carried the stretcher. (v. 25)

\* What was the usual response by the people in this crowded house?

\* What can you personally apply from this passage?