## **The authority to forgive sins!August 24, 2025**

## **Last time, we saw Jesus showing His command over nature.**

## **Heal a JEWISH leper in Luke 5:12-14.**


## **Because of this, things begin to get big!**


## ***Luke 5:15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. 16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.***

## **The records and Priests would also know!**


## **The Priests would have to ask him:**

## **Had he really been a leper?**

## **Was he really healed of it?**

## **What were the details of it?**

## **The final results would show that Jesus did it and that it was a miracle beyond anything they had ever seen!**


## **Jesus must now pray to ready Himself for the next great signs.**


## **The healing of the Jewish Leper and this next sign will be climatic!!!!**


## ***Luke 5:17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.***

## ***18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. 19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd,***

## ***they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.***

## ***Mark 2:1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.***


## ***4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.***

## ***Matt 9:1 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”***


## **Everyone has come to Capernaum by the sea It is so crowed with Leaders that the men must go through the roof!**


## **This moment will either make or eventually break the nation of Israel in either rejecting Him or believing in HIM.**

## **Your sins are forgiven!**


## ***Luke 5:19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through***

## ***the tiling into the midst before Jesus. 20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”***


## ***22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 “Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? 24 “But that you may know ….***


## ***that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”–He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”***

## ***25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”***


## **1. Be of “good cheer” is only used only by Jesus in the entire NT. Why?**

## ***Isaiah 52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.***


## **2. Your sins are forgiven!!!**


## **This is used ONLY in Leviticus 4-6 nine different times, and this is the phrase:**

## ***So the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him!***

## **3. It is also in the Passive, which means the Priest makes the atonement and it is God who forgives him.**


## ***Heb 8:1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a..***


## ***High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.***


## ***Hebrews 10:11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.***


## ***14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.***


## **ALL OF THE LEADERS AND SANHEDRIN ARE THERE! By healing the Jewish leper, it was seen as a miracle ONLY MESSIAH COULD DO!**


## **4. They were all there to observe, that is why it says…**

## ***Luke 5:22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts?***

## **So, to prove His claim…**

## ***24 “But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”–He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”***

## **5. This was stunning and fearful to them!**

## ***Isaiah 35:4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.”***


## ***5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.***


## **6. It had the exact right effect on them to winnow the believer and unbeliever.**

## ***Luke 5:21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”***


## ***Malachi 3:2 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like launderers’ soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.***

## ***Luke 3:17 “His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”***

## ***Jeremiah 15:7 And I will winnow them with a winnowing fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children; I will destroy My people, Since they do not return from their ways.***

## ***John 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”***


## **Next week: More Signs!**