

Conflict Over Jesus' Forgiveness of Sins

Scripture: **Luke 5:17-26**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

Many people are ok with Jesus feeding the multitudes, healing the sick, and giving sight to the blind; they are ok with Jesus meeting physical needs. Jesus' authority extends to the forgiveness of sins and people begin to realize the implications of what he is claiming. Jesus not only can heal physically but spiritually. Jesus continues to show what the work of God is and the power that it is accomplished. **Only the power of God can accomplish the work of God.**

Corroborating Texts

John 6:27-29; 2 Peter 1:3, Ephesians 1:19; 1 Corinthians 6:14; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Romans 15:13; 2 Corinthians 12:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Mark 2:1-12

Discussion Questions

1. What are the implications of Jesus' words, "man, your sins are forgiven you" and why did it concern the scribes and pharisees? Why was it considered blasphemy that Jesus claimed to forgive sins?
2. The paralytic came for physical healing but Jesus offered spiritual healing. What is the significance?
3. How has Jesus demonstrated his authority up until this point? Why is the question of authority important and what does the answer reveal about Jesus? How does Jesus prove his authority?
4. Considering your personal circumstance, what is your need? Looking to Jesus, how does he provide?
5. What is the work of God? What has God called us to? What has God called you to? As God has called, how will He provide to accomplish?