



Jesus Heals

Why Jesus? – Part 7
Luke 5:17-26

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Q: What can Jesus do for me?

John Wesley's Journal - October 6, 1774 – "I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against.
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

Can Jesus Make the Difference?

I. _____ is the Key. (Vs. 17-21)

Luke 5:17-21 One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing. 18 And some men were carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him. 19 But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus. 20 Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." 21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

II. _____ Comes First. (Vs. 20-24)

Luke 5:20-24 Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." 21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" 22 But Jesus, aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"-- He said to the paralytic-- "I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home."

III. Jesus can _____. (Vs. 24-25)

Luke 5:24-25 "But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"-- He said to the paralytic-- "I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home." 25 Immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God.

IV. Forgiveness & Healing _____. (Vs. 26)

Luke 5:26 They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What do you need Jesus to do in your life today?
2. Do you believe that Jesus is more than a good teacher? What difference does that make to you?
3. Have you received forgiveness of sins? Have you heard Jesus say, "Friend, you are forgiven"? Do you know that feeling of being set free from the weight that binds you?
4. Do you believe Jesus can make the change that you need in your life? Do you believe that Jesus can forgive you? Do you believe that Jesus can heal you?

