

Luke 5.12-39

Hating on the Healer

Ch 1 & 2 Promise & Fulfillment of Miraculous Births John & Jesus

Ch 3 Ministry and Message of John the Baptist: Prepare way of Lord

Ch 4 Jesus' Ministry Manifesto: Declared Scripture / Demons Shouting

Ch 5 Applied to Individuals – Ap Peter, Leper, Paralytic, Tax Collector

Jesus Declared New Day @ Synagogue in Nazareth “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed Luke 4.18

Dr. Luke cites Extreme Ex. “Poor, Captive, Blind, Oppressed” > Leper

Today “Hansen’s Disease” 100 countries > Understood, Treatable

Damaged Nerves > Can’t Feel Pain: Rub Nose, Hand Fire, Infection

Uganda – Nearest Neighbors Lepers – Outpatients: Nervous Shake Hands

v. 12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy.

OT Law/Jewish Culture – Various words for Skin Diseases > LEPER

Unknown – Untreatable – Grotesque Appearance > Very Afraid

Think Misery > Ebola, AIDS, COVID – add together, multiply by 10 X’s

Leviticus 13.45 “The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’ He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp”

Not Attend Synagogue / No Public Worship / No Morning Coffee @ Cafe

No Hugs from Kids or Wife > Cut Off from All Human Contact

Kind Relatives might have Left FOOD in a Designated Place

Fortunate > Might find a Reasonably Comfortable CAVE

### 1. Saving Power of Jesus

a. Faith in Jesus Power > Sheer Gall > Shocking, Scarry Enters CITY

Desperation joined Conviction and produced Recklessness

v. 12 “Lord, if you will” > So LOW thinks NOBODY Cares for him

Ch Wesley “Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee”

“The leper was not just ill, he was outcast. He lost his health, his family, friends, home, livelihood – no one was allowed to associate with him”

DEAD MAN WALKING > Untouchable > To Touch was Unthinkable

b. Marvel of Jesus Work v. 13 “stretched out his hand and touched him”

Probably Not Felt Human Touch in YEARS > Watchers were Shocked!

Wondered if Anyone Cared v. 13 “I WILL, be Clean!”

‘God our Savior desires all people to be saved & come to knowledge truth

‘not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance’

Naaman had dip 7 X’s in Jordan > This man Received Healing Touch

v. 13 “immediately the leprosy left him” > Jesus PITY filled w POWER

Picture of Salvation > Helpless, Hurting, Hopeless > SAVED by Jesus!

Jesus NOT contract Uncleaness > Communicated His CLEANSING

“In that electric moment as the high voltage of divine power coursed thru the strong arm of Jesus, the leper was healed. Ordinarily, when something clean touches something unclean, it becomes unclean as well. But here, for the first time in history, things rain the other direction, as the cleanliness of Jesus healed the unclean leper...brand new skin from head to toe”

Philip Ryken

If Not Purified from Sin > Not because Jesus Not Willing > Not Trusted Him

c. Routine in Jesus’ Command v. 14 “go show yourself to the priest”

Can’t just walk in Door “Hey Honey, I am HOME!” > Heart Attack

Lev 14 – Week-long Process – Physical Exam, Sacrifices, Washing

Goal > Full Re-Entry into Society > Member in Full Standing: Witness

Kid Kohala GNC – Saved > Still Study, Work Hard, Pass Exams

Now Ambassador – Trophy of Saving Grace – Object of Healing Mercy

African Greeting > “How is your Family” / Asia > “Have you Eaten?”

d. Peril in Jesus Success v 15 “report ...great crowds...hear/heal”

Healing: Body & Soul > Restored to Family, Friends, Community

v. 16 “withdraw to desolate places to pray” > Restore His Soul

Satan promised “all this will be yours...just worship me”

Best Moments of our Xtian Life can be Most DANGEROUS

Even Son of God learned God Resists the Proud > Grace to Humble

Do we Mere Humans – Spend Enough Time seek God’s Power/Presence?

## 2. Strong Protest Against Jesus

Rest of Luke 5 > Conflict Stories > Jesus thru Eyes of Opponents

### a. Angry at Authority the Jesus Assumes

Jesus Fame Growing > No One Ever Touched & Healed Leper

Crowded into House in Capernaum- Peter's? Too Crowded for Needy

Design Church every Row BACK Row – Open Visitors, Moms, Kids?

“on one of those days” – Luke writing Thematic Presentation > Savior

Leper > Dead Man made Alive / Paralytic > Broken Man made Whole

v. 17 “Pharisees, teachers, every village of Galilee, Judea, & Jerusalem

Pharisees > Hebrew word ‘divide, separate’ > Time of Ezra

Good, Careful Teachers of Scriptures > became TOO Good

Jesus Creates Shock! ‘For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes & Pharisees, you’ll never enter the kingdom of heaven’ Matthew 5.17

Loving Relationship replaced by Legalistic Ritual > Joy for Judgment

Faith Measured by External Practices Not be Heart of Love for God/man

Pharisees picked Great Time to Check-Out Jesus v. 17 “the power of the Lord was with him to heal” = Man on Mission from Father, power H.S.

Friends with Faith > God wants to Heal > Closed Roof is Open Door

Pile of Debris on Floor & Heads! v. 20 Jesus SAW their Faith! Not Mess!

when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

That’s NOT what the Man Expected – Not torn Hole in Roof for THAT

// Waitress brings Pair New Shoes Table // Mailman brings Pizza!?

Jesus knows Deepest Need > Not Fully Healed if still going to HELL

v. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Spiritual Police got their Underwear into a TWIT > How Dare this Jesus!

They were JUST Thinking those Questions > Jesus gives them ANSWER

23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? Man to Walk: Jesus SPOKE / Be Forgiven: Jesus SUFFERED

Jesus WILLING to do BOTH > Critics: ‘only God can do that’ / RIGHT!

24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” –

Son of Man: 23 X's L / 82 X's Gospels

WAITING – Daniel 7 'Son of Man' > Kingdom from Ancient of Days

Title > Not emph Humanity > Man from Heaven > God-man: Authority!

25 immediately rose up...picked up mat...went home, glorifying God.

26 Amazement seized them all, they glorified God & filled w awe,

“We’ve seen extraordinary things today” Jesus gives big Either – Or

Gene Hackman: Hoosiers > BB coach Norman Dale sm Indiana town

Town not Take Kindly Stranger w Different Ideas > Yelling in Gym!

“Mister, way I see it, there are 2 kinds of dumb. Guy who gets naked runs in snow and barks at moon – Guy who does same thing in living room...

Guy in Snow you can Ignore – Guy in Living Room you gotta deal with!

Jesus was naked guy barking at moon in their living room!

Right there in House – Peter's? – Top Religious Dogs in Front Row!

#### b. Annoyed at the Company Jesus Keeps Calling of Levi // Matthew

Pattern: v. 27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at tax booth  
“Follow me” 28 leaving everything, rose, followed

Tax Collector > Social Leper, Collaborated w Hated Rome, Cheats

Excommunicated from Synagogue – Job went to Highest Bidder – Corrupt

Not told Matt was Corrupt Thief > Guilt by Association > Wrong Job

v. 29 Levi made him a great feast in his house...large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

More than just Show Face @ Party > “reclining at table” - DUG IN

All Defilement of Tax Collector Super-Sized Wild Party of Tax Collectors

“Nothing can happen to a man which ought to be such and occasion of joy, as his conversion. It is far more important event than being married, or coming of age, or being a nobleman, or receiving a great fortune. It is the birth of an immortal soul! It is the rescue from hell! It is passage from life to death! It is being made a king and priest forevermore!” J.C. Ryle

Would be great place to End Story of Party > but Party Poopers in House

Got their Underwear in a Twit AGAIN – Don't like the Host or Guests!

Pharisees list People NOT Kosher to Eat w/ “members of despised trades such as tax collectors, herdsmen, peddlers, tanners, physically deformed, Samaritans, and women” > Eat = Share in their Sin, Defilement

v. 30 Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus CRAYONS outside the Lines – Breaks Traditions, Religious Rules

Pharisees worried GET Defiled / Jesus wants GIVE Deliverance

v. 31 Jesus: “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I've not come to call righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Blame Dr hanging w Sick People? – Plumber for cleaning out Sewer?

Mechanic works w Broken Down Vehicles? – Mortician works Corpses?

IRONY > Pharisees/Righteous NOT Need Salvation – just these Sinners!

Lost Keys – Looked Everywhere – Wife: Front Door? – No, that's Dumb!

Pharisees found LOST Keys sticking in Front Door – they're that DUMB!

c. Reject the Atmosphere Jesus Encourages

2<sup>nd</sup> Charge: v. 33 Disciples Lifestyle Not Serious Enough – Eat &

33 disciples John fast often & prayers // Pharisees, but yours eat & drink”

We are DISCIPLINED > you live in DEBAUCHERY > Tax Collectors!

OT > Fast Day Atonement // Pharisees fasted every Monday & Thursday

Jesus NOT just Great Physician ALSO the Glorious BRIDEGROOM...!

34 “Can you make wedding guests fast while bridegroom is w them?

Pharisees emphasized Judgment > Jesus came to bring JOY, Peace w God

Kingdom of God is Wedding FEAST > Not a FUNERAL

35 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.”

GRIEF will Come > Bridegroom will be Nailed to a CROSS

BLOOD will be the Bride PRICE > Laws demand Fully SATISFIED!

Now hunger for JOY that won't be Fully Satisfied until Wedding Supper

Jesus moves reminds Wedding Guests about Wedding GARMENTS

v. 36 “No one tears a piece from new garment & puts it on an old garment. he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.

This would be DOUBLE STUPIDITY > Ruin 2 Things Forever

Ruin New Garment & New Piece won’t match Faded Old Garment

From Wedding Garments Jesus describes the Wedding GROG...

v. 38 new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

New Wine Not put in Old Wineskins > Brittle and will BURST

Cannot mix Tedious Traditions of Man w New Joy of God’s Kingdom

DIFFERENCE > Bridegroom WITH Them – Joy Powerful & Present!

Tho you have not seen him, you love him. Tho you do not now see him, you believe in him & rejoice w joy that is inexpressible & filled w glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls  
1 Peter 1.8,9

New Wine of God’s Spirit will burst Old Wineskins of Jewish Tradition

Gospel will Not Mix & Match w Man-Made Religion

Last Statement hard to Understand > Think Older Wine, the BETTER

v. 39 no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘old is good

Depends on VINTAGE: Bible New Wine = Exuberant JOY

Jesus makes Salvation FRESH > JOY knows No Limits

Pharisees TOO Stuck in Traditions, Fears, Rules, and Rituals

Jesus came to do NEW Thing – Touches Lepers makes New

Sets Paralytics FREE from the SINS & their SUFFERING

Turns Tax Collectors into Trophies of SAVING GRACE

Some Try to PATCH Jesus On – Some try to BOTTLE Him Up

Jesus freely Gives Sinners – New Clothes of Righteousness &

New Wineskins of Grace filled w New Wine of His Spirit

“Come, everyone who thirsts” Isaiah 55.1

Psalm 32 Blessed Are the Forgiven - A Maskil of David.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

**you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

**which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!  
Amen and Amen!**