



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 5:17-26 (NAS)

Topic: "Leading Others to Forgiveness"

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- 17 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?"
- 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."
- 25 Immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God.
- 26 They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."

I. THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

- A. Found In Each Of The Synoptic Gospels
- B. Location Was Capernaum
- C. Perhaps Peter's House

II. HOW DID HE GET TO JESUS?

- A. House Was Too Crowded
- B. The Door Was Blocked
- C. He May Have Been Lowered Into A Courtyard

D. There Was Probably An Outside Staircase

E. It Would Have Been A Distraction

III. WHAT WAS THE MOST PRESSING NEED JESUS ADDRESSED?

A. Negative Response From The Spiritual Leaders

B. The Proof Of Christ's Divinity

1. He knows their hearts

2. He heals the paralytic

3. He calls Himself THE Son of Man

C. Not Physical

D. Not Financial

E. Not Emotional

F. Forgiveness Of Sin

APPLICATION:

1. Be committed to bringing others to Jesus
2. Be resourceful and persistent
3. Work with other Christians