

Jesus Christ's Divine Authority to Forgive Sin (Luke 5:12-26)

BIG IDEA: Never doubt the power & authority of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus Christ heals a leprous man. (5:12-16)

- a. This man was in a hopeless situation both physically and socially.
- b. This man was unclean according to the Mosaic Law.
- c. This man believed that Jesus Christ could heal him.
- d. This man humbled himself before Jesus Christ.
- e. Jesus Christ was not deterred by the hopeless severity of this man's condition.
- f. The fame of Jesus Christ healing this man spread quickly.
- g. Yet Jesus Christ was careful to not stop seeking His Father's will through prayer and submitting to it.

2. Jesus Christ heals a paralytic man (5:17-26)

- a. This man was in a hopeless situation physically and socially.
- b. This man's actions showed his faith in the power of Jesus Christ.
- c. The scribes and Pharisees revealed the unbelief of their hearts.
- d. Jesus Christ purposely highlighted His divine authority and power to forgive the sin of man.
- e. When this man was miraculously healed, everyone gave God the glory.

Observations

1. Jesus Christ delights to provide **true hope** to the hopeless.
2. Jesus Christ can remove the curse of sin permanently because of His **divine authority and power**.
3. Saving faith involves **a heart that trusts** in Jesus Christ alone for our cure, apart from any works of the flesh.

- *Take note that the forgiveness of this man's sin was completely distinct from his physical healing.*
4. God is **sovereign** in forgiving any sin and His Word stands!
 5. God always receives the **glory** when His divine authority and power are exalted.

Paralytic Man	Scribes and Pharisees
Believed in Jesus Christ's power and authority	Doubted Jesus Christ power and authority
Knew that he had a severe need	Were blind to their severe need
Knew that he had found the Solution	Were blind to their Solution
Was spiritually (and physically) healed	Remained spiritually dead

Application:

Are there any areas in your life where you are refusing to **believe** in the power and authority of Jesus Christ?

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