

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: HELP SEEING JESUS

**Luke 5:17-26, ESV** – <sup>17</sup> On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup> And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup> And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>22</sup> When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup> And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we were reminded that everyone needs help to see Jesus. What does a person that helps others see Jesus look like?
- 2 We were also reminded that all the glory belongs to God because He has all the authority to heal and save. Why then does God choose to use people as part of the process for someone to come to Him?
- 3 Why is it important to not only tell people about Jesus, but to live a life that points people to Him? Why is it important that our words match our actions?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** **Daniel 7:13-14, ESV** – <sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

**Luke 19:9-10, ESV** – <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- 4 Looking at Daniel 7:13-14, we see one instance in the Old Testament that refers to the son of man that will come. Why was it such a “big deal” to the Jewish religious leaders when Jesus refers to himself as the son of man?
- 5 Looking at Luke 19:9-10, what was Jesus’ purpose for coming? Was this the kind of salvation that the first century Jews were expecting? Explain.
- 6 How do people today look for salvation in the wrong way? How is Jesus, the Son of Man, still the true salvation for all people?

**B** **John 5:25-27, ESV** – <sup>25</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

**Matthew 28:18-20, ESV** – <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**7** Looking at the passage above, what kind of authority was given to Jesus, the Son of Man?

**8** What kind of judgement does Jesus execute with his authority? Why must He do this?

**9** Looking at Matthew 28:18-20, how does Jesus’ authority extend to us, as followers of Christ?

## TAKING IT HOME

Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority over everything in heaven and earth, including the ability to heal both, physically and spiritually. What He requires of us is faith. Faith in who He says He is and what He can do in us and through us. Have you put your faith in Jesus alone? If so, have you become an extension of His authority by making disciples of others? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be people of faith, used by God to make disciples of others.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 7:29

Mark 1:27

John 1:14, 5:19