Why Jesus Doesn’t Heal Everyone May 29, 2022

*Luke 5:17-26 Series: How It All Began*

It takes more doing for a holy God to forgive an errant person than it does to part the waters of a sea. – Martin Marty

Intro: Sometimes, the Tylenol just doesn’t help.

1. Some people see Jesus as a healer but learn that He’s more
2. The stage is set for a trial

v. 17 *Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, … from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem*

v. 17 *And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.*

1. Some people will do anything for a healing

v. 18 *men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed*

v. 18 *seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus*

v. 19 *because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles*

1. In response to faith, Jesus offers spiritual healing not just physical healing

v. 20 *And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”*

Luke 7:50 *Your faith has saved you; go in peace.*

Luke 17:19 *go your way; your faith has made you well*

* If you were the paralytic seeking healing and Jesus just told you that your sins were forgiven, how would you feel? Why?
* Why does Jesus often highlight the person’s faith when He heals them?
* If Jesus doesn’t heal me, is it because my faith is lacking?

1. Some people see Jesus as a teacher and can’t see that He’s more
2. Jesus deliberately provoked the religious skeptics

v. 20 *… he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”*

Isaiah 43:25 *I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.*

1. Jesus is either a heretic or the Son of God

v. 21 *Who is this who speaks blasphemies?*

v. 21 *Who can forgive sins but God alone?*

v. 22 *When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?”*

John 5:18 *This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.*

John 10:33 *The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”*

John 10:36 … *do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?*

1. Take notice whenever someone refers to himself in the third person

v. 24 *the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*

Daniel 7:13-14 *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. 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.*

* If Jesus had just healed the man, there wouldn’t have been any controversy. Why did He deliberately provoke the Pharisees?
* Is it possible that Jesus was just a teacher, but people mistakenly thought that He was something more?
* What do you learn from the fact that Jesus usually referred to Himself as “the Son of Man”?

1. Some people see Jesus’ authority and are moved to worship
2. Jesus gave an irrefutable healing to support an unprovable claim

v. 23 *Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’?*

v. 24 *that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*

v. 24 *I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.*

1. Jesus’ miracles can move you to worship even if you’re not the one who gets healed

v. 25 *And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God.*

v. 26 *amazement seized them all*

v. 26 *they glorified God and were filled with awe*

v. 26 *We have seen extraordinary things today.*

* This time, Jesus healed a man to prove His authority to forgive sins. What are some other reasons that Jesus heals people?
* What reason did the people in the crowd who weren’t healed have for glorifying God?
* What hope does the paralytic’s healing give you?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Luke 5:27-39

Notes