

ENCOUNTERS WITH

CHRIST



Luke 5v17-26

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When people meet Jesus...

... they are changed by Jesus!

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...the forgiveness of sin

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1) The Priority of Jesus (v18-20)

V18-19: Some men came carrying a paralysed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.





V20: When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'

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Scenario 2: Remains paralysed but receives forgiveness now and a new body in the new creation!

2) The Authority of Jesus (v21-26)

V21: The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

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- Jesus heals the paralysed man (v24)

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V23: Which is easier: to say, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up and walk”?

Are you in awe of Jesus this morning?

Can you say... I am forgiven by God?