

Luke 5:17-26

The Man Who Can Forgive Sins

Setting 5:17

Religious Big Shots Come to Capernaum to Monitor Jesus

One day He was teaching [in a house in Capernaum see Mark 2:1] 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.

Sensation 5:18-20

Forgiveness of Sins Announced by Jesus

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.

Second-Guessing about Jesus 5:21

Religious Big Shots Claim Jesus Is a Blasphemer

The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

Second-Guessing Trumped by Jesus 5:22-25

Jesus Validates His Divine Power to Forgive Sins

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.

Status Quo 5:26

Common People Impressed by Jesus/Religious Leaders Offended by Jesus

They [the crowd of "average folk" who saw all of the above-as Matthew 9:8 makes clear] were all struck with astonishment and *began* glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, we have seen remarkable things today. See also Matthew 12:15

Last Sunday (John 5) and This Sunday (Luke 5)
Two Men Who Were Healed by Jesus Had Similar Physical Issues
But Completely Different Spiritual Issues

John 5:1-18

The Event: Took Place in Jerusalem of Judea
 Christ Went to the Man
 The Healee Was Not a Believer
 Christ Warned the Man Not to "Sin Again" After He Healed Him
 The Miracle was Seen by Jewish Religious Leaders
 The Event: Validated Jesus as The Christ: The Exclusive Issue/Issuer of Everlasting Life

Luke 5:17-26

The Event: Took Place in Capernaum of Galilee
 The Man Went to Christ (With a Little Help from His Friends)
 The Healee Was a Believer
 Christ Warned the Man with Assurance of Forgiveness of Sins Before He Healed Him
 The Miracle Was Seen by Representatives of the Jewish Religious Leaders
 The Event: Validated That as The Christ: Jesus Has the Exclusive Authority to Forgive Sins

The Man Who Can Forgive Sins

Isn't Just a Man, He's the God-Man-Savior

<p>Κυριος</p> <p>LORD</p> <p>Title</p>	<p>Ιησους</p> <p>Jesus</p> <p>Name</p>	<p>Χριστος</p> <p>Christ</p> <p>Title</p>
<p>corresponds to the OT Word</p> <p>יהוה</p> <p>meaning "God"</p>	<p>corresponds to the OT Word</p> <p>ישוע</p> <p>meaning "God-Savior"</p>	<p>corresponds to the OT Word</p> <p>משיח</p> <p>meaning "Savior"</p>