
‘No One is Beyond His Touch’
Know the Real Jesus
Luke 5:12-26 ESV

Takeaway (is this challenging for you to embrace - Why?):

- 1) Don't be afraid to **approach** Jesus with your **worst** no matter how inadequate you or society think you are. **v12**

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him: "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean".

Takeaway (is this challenging for you to embrace - Why?):

- 2) Be **content** with God's sovereign will in your requests.

And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying: "I will; be clean". And immediately the leprosy left him. **vs 13**

Takeaway (is this challenging for you to embrace - Why?):

- 3) **Obey** whatever Jesus says, He's always at work behind the scenes to draw people to Himself. **v14-15**

¹⁴And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them (*Leviticus 13/14*)."

¹⁵But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities.

Takeaway (is this challenging for you to embrace - Why?):

- 4) Ministry is draining, get **alone** with God in **prayer** **v16**

¹⁶But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Takeaway (is this challenging for you to embrace - Why?):

5) Persevere in the trials that come as you attempt to bring friends/family to meet Jesus. v17-19

¹⁷On 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. ¹⁸And 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, ¹⁹but 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.

Takeaway (is this challenging for you to embrace - Why?):

6) Healings are great, but forgiveness is greater and lasts forever. v20-26

²⁰And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying: Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone? ²²When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them: "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴But that you may know that the **Son of Man** (*Daniel 7:13-14*) 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." ²⁵And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying: We have seen extraordinary things today. **vs20-26**

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