

Daily Bible Reading Overview

Luke 5:17-26

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The lesson deals with the account of the four men and a paralytic in Luke 5:17-26. The parallel passages are in Matthew 9:2-8 and Mark 2:1-12.

1. Based on the context, what is the basis for the statement by all three writers that Jesus was “seeing their faith”? Compare James 2:18,22; Galatians 5:6. For thought: Does Jesus “see our faith”?

2. The scribes and Pharisees said he was blaspheming when he told the paralytic his sins were forgiven. Compare the reaction in Luke 7:48-49. On what basis did this charge rest?

3. What objective proof did Jesus provide to show he had the authority to forgive men’s sins? How can this impact our faith and assurance of forgiveness?

4. Concerning the reliability of the reality of this event, consider...
 - A. There were three writers - are the accounts identical?

 - B. What profession was Matthew engaged in?

C. What profession was Luke engaged in?

D. For whom did Matthew write?

E. What preparation did Luke say he made in writing this document?

F. What other document did Luke write that serves to verify his credibility as a historical writer?

G. When did these men write these accounts, e.g. 500 years later? 200 years later? 100 years later? Within 50 years?

H. The unparalleled evidence pointing to the credibility fo our copies of so ancient document.

5. What was the reaction of the people who were present? How should it impact us?

6. What do you learn about Jesus from this incident?