

Scripture: Luke 5:17-26

Sermon Title: Amazed by Jesus

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Jesus is a healer - Vs 17

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Luke 4:16-19 ESV

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. **17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, **18** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

“Pharisees means separated ones. They separated themselves from everything they thought was unholy, and they thought everyone was separated from the love of God, except themselves.” - Pastor David Guzik’s Blue Bible Commentary

**** Aren’t you glad we do not have a God who separates himself from us today?*

Friends Doing Whatever It Takes - Vs 18-20

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Spurgeon, spoke of the quality of men who would bring a friend to Jesus in such a way: “They need be strong, for the burden is heavy; they need be resolute, for the work will try their faith; they need be prayerful, for otherwise they labor in vain; they must be believing, or they will be utterly useless.”

***** The men on the roof must have been so let down and disappointed. They were hoping for a physical miracle. Jesus shows us he came for those who needed spiritual healing.*

Who’s the Blasphemer? Vs. 21-23

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*Oxford Dictionary: “blasphemer “noun. /blæs 'fi:mə(r)/ /blæs 'fi:mər/
a person who speaks about God or the holy things of a particular
religion in an offensive way or who swears using the names of God or
holy things.”*

*Mariam-Webster Dictionary: “blasphemy - noun 1 a : the act of
insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God: b: the act
of claiming the attributes of a deity
2 : irreverence toward something considered sacred or inviolable*

Matthew 12:31-32 ESV

*31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the
blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 And whoever speaks a word
against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy
Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.*

Ephesians 4:29 ESV

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for
building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

James 1:26 ESV

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his
heart, this person's religion is worthless.

Luke 6:45 ESV

“... or out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks”.

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“Imagine the tension in this scene. The scribes were tense, because Jesus challenged them, and said He would demonstrate He was the Son of God. The paralyzed man was tense because he wondered if Jesus really would heal him. The crowd was tense because they sensed the tension of everyone else. The owner of the house was tense because he wondered how much it would cost to repair his roof. And the four friends were tense, because they were tired by now. The only one not tense was Jesus, because He had perfect peace when He said, “arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” At those words, immediately he arose. Jesus’ power to heal and authority to forgive sins was immediately vindicated.” quoted from - David Guzik’s Commentary on Luke 5

Tim Keller often shared tidbits of Owen’s 17th-century wisdom on Twitter, including [this quote](#) from Owen’s commentary on Hebrews. John Owen was an English Puritan - during the 1600’s:

“We are never nearer Christ than when we find ourselves lost in a holy amazement at his unspeakable love.”

Three Questions:

- 1. What are you and I doing for our friends who need Jesus?*
- 2. What work does the Holy Spirit need to do in our hearts and mouths?*
- 3. Are we just amazed by the things Jesus does? Or are we amazed by Him? Is HE enough?*