



The Man Who is God – Luke 5: 17-26

You think you know what you need. Jesus says you might be wrong.

Four friends drop a paralysed man at the feet of Jesus, fully expecting a miracle. What they get is something far more surprising, and far more costly.

For personal reflection/ community discussion:

- **What struck you as you listened to this message?**
- **What's the thing in your life right now that feels like the biggest problem - and what would it mean if Jesus told you that wasn't actually the deepest one?** *How might the knowledge of our sins forgiven alter the way we view our needs and challenges? What did you make of the possibility that the man had his sins and yet may have been disappointed?*
- **The four carried their friend before Jesus. Who are you carrying? Bring them now before our gentle Saviour.**
- **Do you secretly believe that the blood of Jesus is not enough for your sin?** The claim of the gospel is staggering: because Jesus is God, his blood is of infinite worth - enough to cover every sin, of every person who cries out to him. No matter how buried. No matter how dark. But most of us have a category of sin - something we've done - where we quietly wonder if this

one's the exception. Acknowledge it before the Lord and ask him to apply the blood of Christ to this as well.