

Jesus Reveals

Sunday Morning, February 22, 2015

Thesis: The Local Church Engaged through Christ's Spirit Will Reveal His Authority and Power To a Lost World That They May See Him and Believe in Him

Introduction:

Last Week: In Part 1 We saw how the Disciples and We Ourselves Were "Caught" by Jesus and Were Called To Go Out and "Catch" Fish.

This Week:

Jesus Sets Sail To Reveal Who He Is To A Lost World

I. Jesus Reveals His Power To Drive Out Incurable Disease (Luke 5: 12 – 16)

12 And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

13 Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him.

14 And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

15 However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. Lepers Feared, Quarantined, Outcast, Incurable, Unclean

No matter what the situation, the hopeless can find hope in Jesus.

II. Jesus Reveals That He Is God (Luke 5: 17 – 26)

17 Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, & Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

19 And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

20 When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

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

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?

23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'?

24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" Authority to Forgive Sins, Power to Restore Life

Christ's power can restore lives effected by the depths of sin.

III. Jesus Reveals His Desire to Lead Sinners to Repentance

(Luke 5: 27 – 32)

27 After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."

28 So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

31 Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

Pharisees/Saducees Were Sinners Too,
But Their Hearts Were Hard and Embittered
Against Jesus

Many Are Spiritually Sick Reflected By
Their Own Lifestyles

The Lost Must Understand, If They Are Spiritually Sick
They Are Not Spiritually Alive and United in Christ

Conclusion:

May every believer in Christ reflect Christ's ministry by revealing His Power and Authority to bring new life to those without hope.