

Sermon Notes for October 19th 2025

Series: **“A Biblical Look at Healing”**

Message: **“Understanding Man’s Authority”**

Sermon Text: **Luke 5:17-26**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 41:1-4**; New Testament Text: **James 5:13-16**. Read **Luke 5:17-26 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Luke 5:17-26: 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. 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 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.”

1. Read **Luke 5:17**. Why do you think so many Pharisees and teachers of the law from so many different places were all present to see what Jesus was up to on this day?
2. Why do you think Luke felt compelled to tell us, *“And the power of the Lord was with him to heal?”*
3. Read **Luke 5:18-19**. What do the actions of the men who carried the paralyzed man tell you about their faith?
4. Read **Luke 5:20**. How do you think the paralyzed man felt when he heard Jesus say, *“Man, your sins are forgiven you?”*
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6. Read **Luke 5:21**. How did the scribes & the Pharisees react to the words Jesus spoke over the paralyzed man?
7. Was what the scribes and Pharisees said correct?
8. Read **Luke 5:22-23**. How did Pr. Dave say that *Jesus perceived their thoughts*?
9. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach the Pharisees and teachers of the law on this day?
10. Read **Luke 5:24-25**. What unmistakable message should the religious leaders have been able to understand from Jesus's healing of the paralyzed man?
11. What did the healed man go home doing?
12. Read **Luke 5:26**. How did the entire crowd react, Pharisees and teachers of the law included?
13. **Matthew 9:1-8** is another account of the healing of the paralytic. Turn to **Matthew 9:8** on **p. 1034 of the pew Bible**. What conclusion did the crowd come to in this account?
14. What will you remember most from this message?