

## Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance

Luke 5:17-32

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
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## Jesus Teaches in the Presence of Teachers of the Law

- **Luke 5:17**

And it came about one day that He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.

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## A Paralyzed Man Brought to Jesus

- **Luke 5:18, 19**

And behold, some men were carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in, and to set him down in front of Him. And not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus.

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
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 **Jesus Grants Him "Release"**

- **Luke 5:20**  
And seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."
- **Luke 4:18a**  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives. . .

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
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 **Jesus Claimed a Divine Prerogative**

- **Luke 5:21**  
And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

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
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 **God Knows the Heart**

- **Luke 5:22, 23**  
But Jesus, aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?"

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
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The Son of Man Has Authority to  
"Release" People from Sin

■ **Luke 5:24**

"But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"-- He said to the paralytic-- "I say to you, rise, and take up your stretcher and go home."

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The Son of Man

■ **Daniel 7:13, 14**

I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

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"Today" is the Day of Visitation

■ **Luke 5:25, 26**

And at once he rose up before them, and took up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God. And they were all seized with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."

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
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**A Sinner is Called to Follow Jesus**

- **Luke 5:27, 28**

And after that He went out, and noticed a tax-gatherer named Levi, sitting in the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he left everything behind, and rose and began to follow Him.

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
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**Table Fellowship With Sinners**

- **Luke 5:29**

And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax-gatherers and other people who were reclining at the table with them.

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
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**Table Fellowship With Sinners**

- **Luke 14:23, 24**

"And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'"

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
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The Religious Leaders Do Not Have Table Fellowship with Sinners

- **Luke 5:30**

And the Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax-gatherers and sinners?”

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
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Reversal in Eschatological Table Fellowship

- **Luke 13:28, 29**

“There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out. And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.”

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
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Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance

- **Luke 5:31, 32**

And Jesus answered and said to them, “It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

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
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### Applications

- Man's greatest need is for forgiveness of sins.
- We must see ourselves as unrighteous sinners who need forgiveness.
- Today is the day of visitation.

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### Forgiveness of Sins is for Now and For Eternity

- **Luke 9:24, 25**

For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

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### A Sinner "defiles" a Pharisee's Table Fellowship

- **Luke 7:37**

And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

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### A Sinner Comes to Jesus

■ **Luke 7:38, 39**

and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

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### Jesus Forgives the Repentant Sinner

■ **Luke 7:47, 48**

"For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

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### Palm Sunday in Luke: Failure to Recognize the Day of Salvation

■ **Luke 19:41, 42**

And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes."

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
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### The Day of Visitation

- **Luke 19:43, 44**

“For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

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
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### The Day of Messianic Salvation is Here

- **2Corinthians 6:2**

for He says, “At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you”; behold, now is “the acceptable time,” behold, now is “the day of salvation.”

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