



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 30: *Theos Monos* - God ALONE Luke 5:12-16; Mark 2:1-12

I. Luke 5:12-16

A. Luke most likely used Mark as his primary source material, but Luke leaves some details out

B. v.12 - What cities are Luke referring to? Mark 1:38-39: *And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.*

C. Was this leprosy?

1. Most likely not Hansen's disease
2. Would have been in a colony - Note Luke 17:12 – refers to a leper's colony
3. Leviticus 13 and 14 have a LOT of details about skin diseases - "Leprosy" was a catch-all term
4. The man uses the term "Lord" as respect but Luke is underscoring what we know - "If you will..." – the man realizes Jesus' ability and power to do it - How does the guy know this?

D. v.13 - Mark says Jesus was "moved with pity" or "compassion" - Each of the synoptics note the skin diseases was gone immediately

F. v.14 - Luke wants to show the readers and Theophilus that Jesus was an observant Jew and kept the laws As he said of Zechariah and Elizabeth "walking blamelessly in all the commandments"

1. Mark says Jesus "charged him strongly" not to talk

G. v.15 - The "and" is there that crowds gathered to hear Him AND to be healed

H. v.16 - "often" or "would" for Jesus withdrawing is in the imperfect tense meaning He did it over and over

II. Mark 2:1-5/Luke 5:17-20

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. (v.1)

On 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. (v.18)

And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. (vv.2-4)

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” (v.5) And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” (v.20)

A. Mark 2:1: What house? Presumably Peter’s

B. Luke 5:17 - Luke shows how far Jesus’ fame has grown - 1st time Luke uses the term “Pharisees”

1. The “power of the Lord” is a reminder of Jesus’ baptism – this is not some new power He received

C. Mark 2:2 – He was preaching the Word not “healing the many”

D. v.4 – Breaking through the roof wasn’t that hard

1. Note Jesus doesn’t say “I forgive thee of thy sins” but it’s an implication in both verses

2. What caused Jesus to say this? Their faith

3. The forgiveness is in the “perfect” tense which means its complete

E. v.21 - “Who is this guy?” “This is clearly blasphemy” - What was the Word that Jesus was teaching before Skip came through the roof?

1. “*Theos monos*” – God alone

2. Pharisees and scribes were correct on the question – Who can forgive sins? *Theos monos*

➤ Not them, not the priests (of today, either), not a preacher

F. v.22 - Shows His omnipotence

G. v.23 - Follow me here:

1. Easier to simply say “sins are forgiven” because walking would be proof in the pudding
2. Plenty of people have healed in His name
3. But since Theos monos can forgive sins then it is actually more difficult because He’s the only One Who can do it

H. v.24 - “Son of Man”

1. Luke doesn’t offer a definition because he didn’t need to offer one
2. 69 times it’s in the New Testament and always comes from Jesus’ mouth except two references that are recalling when He used the term

I. vv.25-26 – Praising God is the appropriate response for everyone

III. Who is this Man?

A. Luke 7:36-50

B. Luke 8:22-25

IV. My “Take Away”

- Jesus has the power AND the authority to BOTH heal and forgive sins
- God ALONE has that power – no one else ever
- He needs to see my faith – “if You will” and getting the roof tore up
- My response? Filled with awe and praising God

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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