

BEING RESTORED

Welcome to Ampt with Betty. Spring is here, school holidays are just around the corner. Please take the great opportunity to step outdoors, enjoy the nice weather and explore the surrounding parks- enjoy God's creation. Wishing all our NBBC kids and families a safe and blessed school holiday break.

Prayer Dear God, thank you for your wonderful creation and being a source of continued comfort, strength and hope to us in our times of need. We are so grateful that we have Jesus as our eternal friend and the Holy spirit to guide us and watch over us. Please help us to understand and learn from today's bible passage. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Review Last week we looked at Isaiah 61:1,2 and Luke 4:16-22. It was something about a fulfilment of a scripture written 700 years ago, do you recall what it was?

Bible Reading

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralysed Man

Luke 5:17-26 NIV

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.



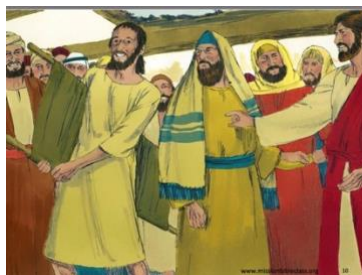
²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."



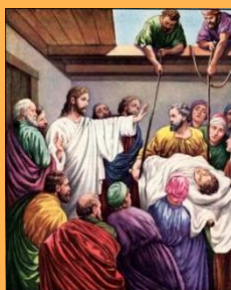
²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"



²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."



VIDEO



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Chat Session

What do we see here? We see at the start of the scripture, a paralysed man blessed with faithful friends who heard about Jesus being in town and was desperate to help their friend. The presence of a huge crowd blocking the entrance did not stop them, instead they carried the paralysed man to the roof top, tore away part of the roof and lowered him into the room where Jesus stood talking to the crowd. What a feat and an amazing picture of friendship, devotion and love!

With love and compassion, Jesus not only forgave the man of his sins but also healed him completely. It was a common belief in those days, that sickness indicated personal sin, but everyone must have been surprised when Jesus said "You are forgiven" instead of saying "You are healed."

*Jesus confronted the teachers of the law because he was trying to get through to them and tell them that He was the **Son of Man**, and God has given Him the power to forgive sins and heal people. These things could not be done by just a regular person, only by **God**.*

Questions

1. Why did the man's friends carry him to meet Jesus?
2. What two things did Jesus do for the man?
3. Why do you think Jesus confronted the teachers of the law?