



FORGIVEN PARALYTIC – FORGIVENESS FROM JESUS

John 7:37b-38 “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

Ezekiel 47:9b Where the River flows, everything will live!

Luke 5:17-26 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.” NIV11

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What does He want them to know?

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Why does He want them to know this?

Big picture

- Jesus is the REAL DEAL.
- Jesus has the power to FORGIVE SINS.
- We should ASK Him to FORGIVE us too.

What about us?

More amazing truths:

Matthew 9:6 “But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...” NIV

Matthew 26:27-29 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” NIV

Luke 7:46-48 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” NIV

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. NIV

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 10:43 “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” NIV

Acts 13:38-39 “Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.” NIV

Acts 26:17-18 “I will rescue you [, Paul,] from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them ¹⁸to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” NIV

Romans 4:7-8 “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.” NIV

Ephesians 1:7-8 In [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. NIV

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. NIV

Hebrews 8:12 “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” NIV

Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. NIV

Hebrews 10:17-18 Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” ¹⁸And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. NIV

Thoughts for further reflection and application:

Spend 10-20 minutes being open and honest with God about anything that causes you guilt or shame. Specifically ask for forgiveness for each thing.

What do Matthew 26:27-29 and Ephesians 1:7-8 have to do with Hebrews 9:22?

Read Hebrews 10:17-18. Should you beat yourself up over your sin? Do you need to pay for your sins in some way?

Read Luke 23:34. If Jesus could forgive the people who killed Him—while they were killing Him—is there anything He can’t or won’t forgive that you’ve done?

Read Romans 4:7-8. Do you feel blessed? Is your forgiveness a good thing? Is it complete? Does it bring you joy? Is it something others would want?

Read Luke 7:46-48. What would happen if we understood the depth of our forgiveness? How can we grow in this understanding?

What is one thing you would like to believe, change, or apply to experience life from Jesus?

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*Juan 7:37b-38 — ¡Si alguno tiene sed, que venga a mí y beba!
38 De aquel que cree en mí, como dice la Escritura, brotarán ríos de agua viva.*

Ezequiel 47:9b Y todo lo que se mueva en sus aguas vivirá.

Lucas 5:17-26 ¹⁷ Un día, mientras enseñaba, estaban sentados allí algunos fariseos y maestros de la ley que habían venido de todas las aldeas de Galilea y Judea, y también de Jerusalén. Y el poder del Señor estaba con él para sanar a los enfermos. ¹⁸ Entonces llegaron unos hombres que llevaban en una camilla a un paralítico. Procuraron entrar para ponerlo delante de Jesús, ¹⁹ pero no pudieron a causa de la multitud. Así que subieron a la azotea y, separando las tejas, lo bajaron en la camilla hasta ponerlo en medio de la gente, frente a Jesús.

²⁰ Al ver la fe de ellos, Jesús dijo:

—Amigo, tus pecados quedan perdonados.

²¹ Los fariseos y los maestros de la ley comenzaron a pensar: «¿Quién es este que dice blasfemias? ¿Quién puede perdonar pecados sino solo Dios?»

²² Pero Jesús supo lo que estaban pensando y les dijo:

—¿Por qué razonan así? ²³ ¿Qué es más fácil decir: “Tus pecados quedan perdonados”, o “Levántate y anda”? ²⁴ Pues para que sepan que el Hijo del hombre tiene autoridad en la tierra para perdonar pecados —se dirigió entonces al paralítico—: A ti te digo, levántate, toma tu camilla y vete a tu casa.

²⁵ Al instante se levantó a la vista de todos, tomó la camilla en que había estado acostado, y se fue a su casa alabando a Dios. ²⁶ Todos quedaron asombrados y ellos también alababan a Dios. Estaban llenos de temor y decían: «Hoy hemos visto maravillas». NVI

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Big picture

- **Jesus is the real truly from God.**
- **Jesus has the power to forgive.**
- **We should ask Him to forgive us too.**

What about us? How do we know Jesus is the real deal?