

LOST & FOUND

“SEEING PEOPLE AS JESUS SEES THEM. SEEKING PEOPLE AS JESUS SEEKS THEM.”

PART 4:

“OPERATION ROOFTOP”

“Doing Whatever It Takes to Bring People to Jesus”

(Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:17-26)

INTRODUCTION:

1A. THE LARGER CONTEXT:

“And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority. ...and amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, ‘What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.’”

—Luke 4:31-32, 36

• Jesus has both the _____ and the _____ to fulfill His mission. He is _____ !

2A. THE CONTRAST IN THE LARGER CONTEXT:

“While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ And immediately the leprosy left him.”

—Luke 5:12, 13

1. The _____ and far-reaching _____ of sin.

2. The _____ and transforming _____ of the Son of Man.

3A. OPERATION ROOFTOP (5:17-26)

“And 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. But 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, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.”

—Luke 5:18, 19

1B. The Primary Players in the Narrative:

- The Pharisees: These men had no intention of recognizing Jesus' authority or responding to His ministry. They represent the _____.
- The Paralytic: This man is totally disabled. And He is totally _____ on others if his life is going to be transformed. He represents the _____.
- The Partners: We know nothing about them. Their _____ is unimportant to the story, it is their _____ which is significant. The focus is not on _____, but _____. They represent the _____.

2B. The Primary Principles in the Narrative:

IF WE ARE GOING TO SEE AND SEEK THE LOST AS JESUS WOULD,...

1C. ...it will take _____.

"And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men."

—Mark 2:2, 3

2C. ...it will take _____.

"And being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying."

—Mark 2:4

3C. ...it will take _____.

"And Jesus seeing their faith..."

—Mark 2:5

CONCLUSION:

- The Son of Man has power to _____ AND power to _____.

"...and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing."

—Luke 5:17

"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."

—Luke 5:24

- The Son of Man Exercises that power in response to _____ wherever He _____ it.