

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Luke 5:17-39

(August 31, 2025)

—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. How does C.S. Lewis's quote about Jesus forgiving sins challenge our understanding of Christ's divinity?
2. What implications does this have for how we view Jesus's authority?
3. In what ways do the actions of the men who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus demonstrate faith, and how can we apply similar faith in our own lives?
4. How does Jesus's response to the scribes and Pharisees reveal both His divine nature and His mission on earth?
5. What can we learn from this about addressing skepticism towards faith?
6. Why do you think Jesus chose to forgive the paralyzed man's sins before healing him physically?
7. What does this teach us about spiritual healing versus physical healing?
8. How does Jesus's calling of Levi (Matthew) and dining with tax collectors and sinners challenge our own attitudes towards those society deems as 'sinners'?
9. What do Jesus's parables about new wine in old wineskins and new cloth on old garments reveal about the relationship between the Old and New Covenants?
10. How might the Pharisees' resistance to change and preference for 'old wine' relate to challenges in implementing change within religious communities today?
11. In what ways does Jesus's statement 'I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance' challenge our understanding of who needs salvation?
12. How does the concept of being a 'new creation' in Christ, as mentioned by Paul, relate to Jesus's teachings about new wine and new garments?
13. What does Hosea 6:6, 'For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,' reveal about God's priorities, and how does this connect to Jesus's ministry as described in this passage?