

Jesus And The Jews – Luke 5:16-17
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Introduction

1. Jesus found His strength in prayer. He went to God before He would serve men. His power was prayer and so is ours!
2. The saddest statement is found in Luke 5:17: “The power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.” Jesus could but the Jews refused. He preached a wonderful sermon in Nazareth in Luke 4. In John 6 the crowds left him to never return. Jesus had the power, but the issue was them (us).

I. The Wrong Kind Of Healings (5:12-15)

- a. Jesus totally identifies with sinners here. This horrified the Jews. Jesus was literally setting the captives free (Luke 4). The Jews couldn’t imagine a church full of ex-lepers. Jesus converted Matthew, Zaccheus, and Saul of Tarsus. These were men not usually listed on prospect lists!

II. The Wrong Theology (5:17-26)

- a. Jesus not only healed lepers, He forgave sinners. To the Jews this was blasphemy.

III. The Wrong People (5:27-32)

- a. Matthew the publican became an apostle and author of the gospel to the Jews. Sinners saved were not put on probation!

IV. The Wrong Attitude (5:33-39)

- a. Jesus was seen as too happy! Jesus brought hope and joy, and this offended them. Jesus changes things. He changes us!