

MEET JESUS

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LUKE 5:17-26 (ESV)

17 On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.



¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus.



²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"



²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?"



24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."



²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."





“Relativistic society”



How do we define "sin"?



Our definition of sin, both inside
and outside of the church,
is almost entirely external.



Sin isn't just referring to the bad things we do. It's not just lying or lust or whatever the case may be. It's ignoring God in the world He has made. It's rebelling against Him by living without reference to Him. It's saying "I will decide exactly how to live my life."

TIM KELLER



Our sinful standing isn't a result of what we do; what we do is a result of our sinful heart.





1 JOHN 1:7-9 (ESV)

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.







Satisfaction isn't
found in something,
it's found in **SOMEONE**.



If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.

C.S. LEWIS



We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

C.S. LEWIS



They were hoping Jesus would heal the man's physical paralysis. Instead Jesus forgave his spiritual paralysis.



With Jesus you get more
than you bargained for.





Jesus sees beyond the circumstances
around us to the circumstances inside us.



How are our hearts paralyzed?



Jesus perceives, knows and sees our hearts.



The Gospel means "good news",
and not "good advice."



What you may not say in speech,
Jesus hears in the silence of your soul.





ROMANS 5:15-21 (ESV)

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.



¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.



¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.



1⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **1⁹** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.



²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.





PSALM 51:4 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!





PSALM 51:7-12 (ESV)

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.



10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **11** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.



PSALM 51:16-17 (ESV)

16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. **17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.





Who or what are you looking at to save you?



Where are you wearing a mask
to cover up the real issue inside you?

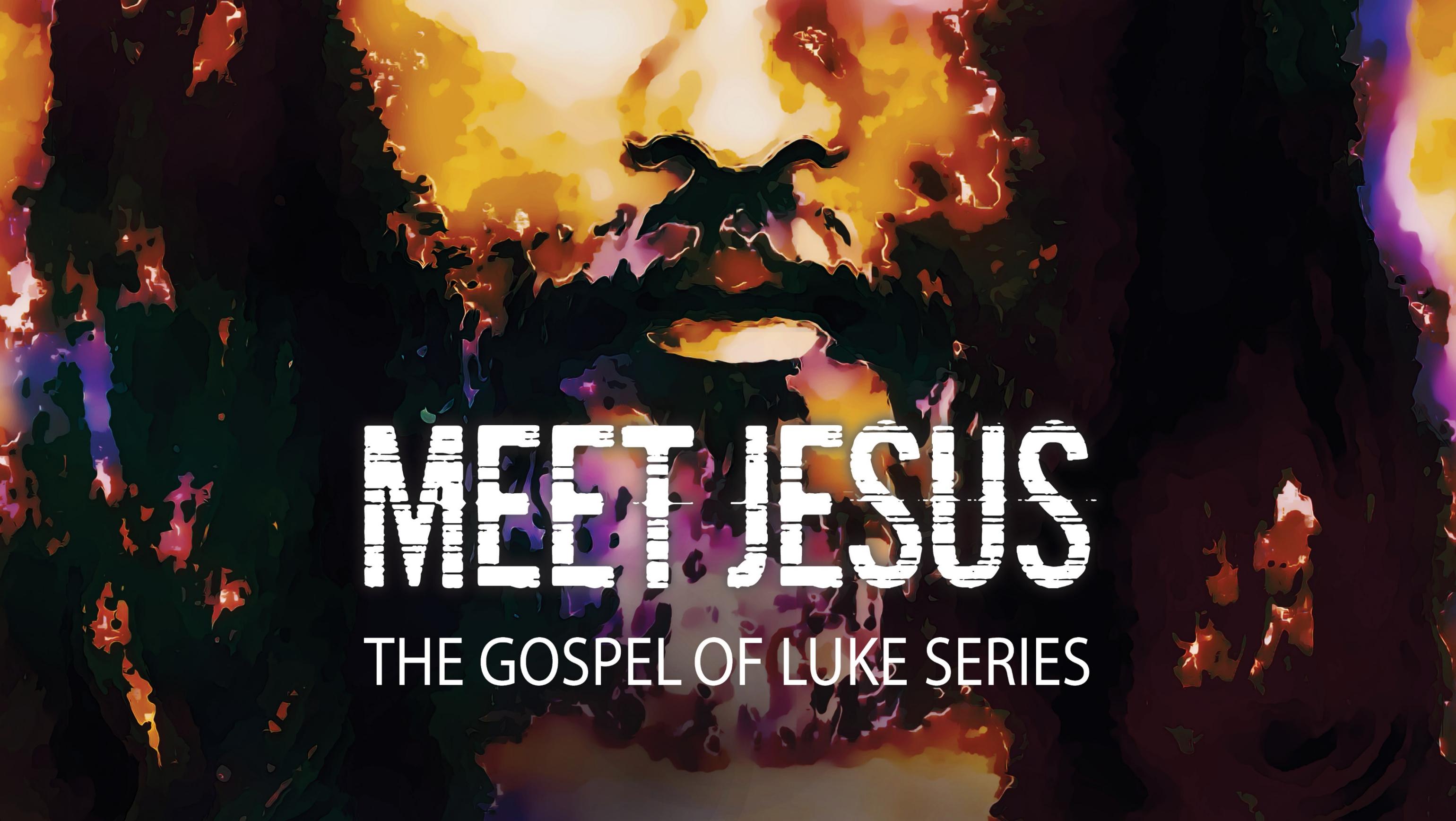


Jesus has come to free you, not from
your circumstances, but to free you to
see beyond them...to the real issue
...the issue of your heart.



Meet Jesus: Your sins are forgiven.
Now it's time to rise and take up your bed!





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